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**JOYFUL:** Looking like any other newly married couple the Prince and Princess of Wales look happy on their honeymoon cruise aboard the royal yacht. For a while they will be away from all the glare and out of the public eye. When they return from their holiday it will be a completely different life full of protocol and ceremony. (Related story on page 5)

**Envoy recalled**

## Frenchmen to leave Iran

PARIS, Aug. 5 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand asked all French citizens living in Iran to leave that country and recalled the French ambassador to Iran for consultations, according to an official communique Wednesday.

There have been angry demonstrations outside the French embassy in Tehran since France granted political asylum to former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Iran has demanded Bani-Sadr's extradition.

The continuation (of demonstrations) in Tehran could give birth to uncontrollable actions that would endanger French citizens living there, a communique from the presidential Elysee Palace said.

The president of the republic has, therefore, asked all French citizens (in Iran) return as soon as possible to France, and he has called our ambassador to Tehran home for consultations, the communique said.

"In his absence, the operation of our embassy will be conducted by a reduced staff. Iranian officials have been informed of this decision by a representative of the French government. There are an estimated 100-140 French citizens living in Iran, including the embassy staff.

Bani-Sadr went to France aboard an Iranian air force Boeing 707. He had been in

## Cairo prohibits bombing reports

CAIRO, Aug. 5 (AP) — Apparently edgy about violence between Muslims and Christians, the Egyptian government Wednesday slapped a news ban on events surrounding a church bombing in which 59 persons were wounded.

The semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* carried a front-page story saying Prosecutor General Salah El Rashidi ordered the blackout "in the interest of the investigation the prosecution is currently conducting." There was no further trouble and it was unclear, on the face of the announcement, how the ban was to be implemented and whether it affected foreign correspondents.

The bombing at a wedding Sunday night came a month after the latest outbreak of strife between Egypt's overwhelming Muslim majority and its Coptic Christians. Three persons died in the blast, according to a statement released Monday by the public prosecutor's office, they were a Christian woman and a man and child who were Muslims.

## Athens fires extinguished

ATHENS, Aug. 5 (AP) — Firemen and troops have succeeded in putting out fires in Athens' northern suburbs, fire chief Dimitrios Xifaras said Wednesday.

The fire, which started Tuesday, had raged through posh, wooded residential areas, about 16 kms north of here, destroying large sections of woodland and numerous houses. There were no reports of casualties. Arson was suspected and police said an investigation was under way.

But as Athens prepared to clear up, more fires were breaking out in other parts of the country, and continuing in other areas that have been battling the blazes for the last two days.

State radio reported that in the province of Elia southern Greece, a young shepherd burned to death as he tried to save his flock, and a newspaper reported the death of an 80-year-old man in the region. Elia, one of the worst hit areas, was declared in a state of emergency Tuesday.

On the island of Chios in the eastern Aegean, about 15,000 acres of bush and trees were destroyed, while the Ioulia Island of Zakynthos was still blazing after several days.

Fire which broke out near Patra, Greece's third largest city, were threatening the northern suburbs. Strong winds contributed to difficulties encountered in putting out the fires, sources said.



**ATHENS FIRES:** Smoke from fires rises above the northern suburbs of Athens Tuesday. Fifteen small factories, three apartment buildings and two hospitals were gutted in a blaze that sent residents fleeing into the city center.

## Congress approves \$749b tax cuts

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (R) — President Ronald Reagan will crown a series of stunning congressional victories this week when he signs into law a bill cutting individual and business taxes by a record \$749 billion.

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives gave final congressional approval to the Republican president's bill, which will cut personal taxes by 25 percent three in years, and sent it to him for signature.

The vote followed a spectacular victory for Reagan's measure in the Democratic-controlled house last Wednesday after the Republican-dominated Senate had approved its own version of the bill. A House-Senate conference resolved differences between the two versions Saturday after an all-night session.

Congress had earlier approved cuts totaling \$36 billion in social spending programs for 1982, the other half of Reagan's plan to revitalize what he sees as a sleepy American economy burdened by high inflation and unemployment. The president is expected to sign the tax and budget cuts Thursday in a White House ceremony.

Democrats have charged that the tax cut, accompanied by social spending reductions, not only aids to the rich at the expense of the poor but is a major gamble because it represents an untested economic theory. They say the tax cuts will drastically drain treasury revenues at a time when the administration also plans major defense spending increases resulting in continued federal budget deficits.

Reagan says the tax cuts and budget reductions will lift the sagging U.S. economy making up any tax losses to the treasury and leading to a balanced budget in 1984. House speaker Thomas O'Neill said Reagan was now fully responsible for the American economy and had to prove that his massive tax and budget cuts would work.

## Spokesman gives misleading facts about Neumann

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — White House spokesman David Gergen conceded Tuesday provided misleading information last week about the ouster of Robert Neumann as U.S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

While continuing to insist that Neumann resigned and was not fired, Gergen said, "there were obviously a lot of circumstances that preceded his resignation."

Sources who asked not to be identified say secretary of State Alexander Haig sought Neumann's ouster after the ambassador criticized him in a private meeting on Capitol Hill. For the record, the White House would say only that Neumann resigned for personal reasons.

At one point last week Gergen told reporters that the health of Neumann's wife was a factor in his resignation. Neumann later denied that his wife was ill.

"In that sense, it was misleading," Gergen said Tuesday, acknowledging that health reasons were not a factor. "What was attempted last week," he added, "was an effort to protect the privacy of various individuals."



**STRANDED:** Air traffic has been crippled in the United States by the strike of the traffic controllers. Many flights are canceled, or delayed. Picture shows passengers waiting with their luggage to check on their connecting flights at the JFK Airport. The controllers have ignored a \$100,000 fine threat per hour and the strike continues Wednesday.

## Reagan firm on AWACS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan reaffirmed his plan to sell highly sophisticated radar-equipped jets to Saudi Arabia and asked congressional leaders Wednesday not to prejudice his proposal, which a majority of the Senate has opposed.

The president said that sending the aircraft to Saudi Arabia, and improving the F-15 jet fighters already sold to the Kingdom, would improve Saudi Arabian security and strengthen it in the region, while also being in the interest of the United States and the Western alliance.

He said the sale would also make clear to the Soviet Union and governments in the Middle East that the United States "is determined to assist in preserving security and stability in southwest Asia."

The administration wants to sell five radar and control systems (AWACS) aircraft. The sale needs congressional approval.

The president made his plea to Congress in a letter to Senate majority leader Howard H. Baker Jr., Republican-Tennessee; minority leader Robby C. Byrd, Democrat-West Virginia; House Speaker Thomas O'Neill Jr., Democrat-Massachusetts; and house minority leader Robert Michel, Republican-Illinois.

Reagan has not formally sought congressional approval of the sale, but more than half of the Senate has indicated opposition. "I am aware that information from a variety of sources has been circulating on Capitol Hill regarding this sale and that many members

## Black out hits 6th of Britain

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — A sixth of Britain was blacked out Wednesday when a technical problem cut electricity in Wales and southern and southwest England. The capital was not affected, but a spokesman for the Central Electricity Generating Board described the blackout as the "biggest for 20 years."

At Southampton General Hospital, the biggest medical complex in the region, a spokesman said that emergency services were operating normally.

Police reported no problems with traffic, saying that motorists had slowed down on their own initiative when traffic lights ceased working. By 1:00 p.m. local time power had been restored to southern England, but the southwest and Wales were still without electricity.

The Electricity Board spokesman said that industry had been seriously affected by the blackout. In Wales, a major Ford auto engine plant was forced to stop production.

The blackout originated in the west Midlands at 0808 GMT, touching off a chain reaction that swept round the south of the country, leaving out the London region.

## Iraqis report fierce battles

NICOSIA, Aug. 5 (AP) — Iraq said Tuesday its forces fought fierce battles with Iranians in various spots along the 300-mile battlefield, killing 381 Iranian troops in 24 hours.

A communique carried by the official Iraqi News Agency said 180 Iranians were killed in two battles near the southern Iranian town of Dezful where "the enemy was hit with various kinds of weapons and forced to retreat." The communique conceded 18 Iraqi troops were killed on the battlefield.

An Iranian joint staff communique carried by Iran's Pars news agency, said the Iranians killed or wounded 80 Iraqis in 24 hours of fighting. But it made no specific mention of the Dezful clashes reported by Iraq.

It said an Iraqi convoy of 10 military trucks was ambushed on the western border and "effectively stopped and destroyed by Iranian artillery fire."

## Mitterrand coming on September 26

PARIS, Aug. 5 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand will pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia from Sept. 26 to 28, it was announced here Wednesday after a cabinet meeting. It will be Mitterrand's first official visit since taking office on May 21.

King Khalid came to Paris on June 13, the first foreign head of state to visit the new French president.

## America firing striking air staff

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The American government said it is firing striking air traffic controllers who were due to report for work after 11 a.m. (1500 GMT) Wednesday. But it told controllers whose shifts started before the deadline that they have another 24 hours to report.

Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis told reporters, minutes before the 11 a.m. deadline, that some striking day-shift controllers didn't know exactly when they had to report for work to save their job. They were not sure, he said, whether they had already forfeited their jobs by not reporting at 7 a.m. (1100GMT) Wednesday, when their normal shift started, or whether they had until 7 a.m. (1100 GMT) Thursday.

Lewis said the decision to give controllers, who work the day shift more time, to report "is positively not changing one iota the president's position. He acknowledged, however, that the move does technically extend the deadline.

A transportation department spokeswoman said the specter of firing remained for all striking controllers whose shifts began at 2 p.m. or later. For instance, she said, a controller whose shift was to start at 3 p.m. Wednesday would be subject to dismissal for failure to report.

The spokeswoman, Linda Gosden, said that confusion arose because of time zone differences. She added that controllers on the west coast, for instance, whose shifts began before the 11 a.m. deadline would be given until Thursday to comply with the president's order.

Transportation department lawyer said notices of dismissal would be sent to any controllers who do not report for their shift later Wednesday by superiors at the 107 air traffic control centers where they work.

FAA administrator J. Lynn Helm conceded that nearly all the 13,000 striking controllers were still staying off the job despite Reagan's ultimatum. He said about 70 percent of the controllers remained on strike early Wednesday — not much change from Tuesday.

Reagan, talking to reporters while posing for photos with visiting Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, said he still hoped the controllers would bow to his ultimatum. "If ever we feel that our oath of office need not be kept, how long would we have this society?" he asked. He has been arguing all along that the controllers took a oath not to strike when they went to work for the federal government.

Helm said the ability of the controllers working to handle the nation's air traffic "continues to expand" and that nearly three-fourths of the regularly scheduled flights were operating, about the same percentage as Tuesday.

He said that, except for 21 of the country's largest airports, the volume of traffic was at normal levels, but that airlines continued to have empty seats. The 21 airports are those at which the FAA continues to limit takeoffs to 50 percent of the normal number. He said two airports, Seattle and San Diego, had that restriction lifted during the night and were operating at 100 percent of their normal traffic.

In New York, Tuesday Judge Thomas Platt ordered Patco to begin paying damages of \$2.4 million a day for violating an anti-strike injunction which he issued against Patco in 1970. In Washington, Judge Harold Greene Monday ordered Patco to pay escalating fines which will reach a million dollars a day.

The Reagan administration has offered full amnesty to all controllers who return to work by Wednesday deadline. At the same time, however, Justice Department officials have been proceeding with criminal complaints against regional union officials who have joined in the illegal walkout. Under U.S. law government workers are prohibited from striking.

What makes this strike unusual is that it pits the government against a union whose

## Sale to Kingdom

## Messages sent to Iraq

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# Bodies of Italian victims to be flown home—envoy

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — The bodies of nine Italian nationals, who died when a 12-story building collapsed last month, will be returned to Italy by a special military plane, according to Italian Ambassador Marcello Salimei Wednesday.

The envoy said that all the workers' bodies that were trapped under the massive debris from one wing of a housing complex had been recovered recently. The number of bodies belonging to other nationals involved in the disaster was not known by the ambassador, but officials estimated at the time of the tragedy that a total of about 33 workers had died.

Although no definite departure time has been set for the aircraft, Salimei said the plane probably will depart with the bodies by Friday. He praised the work of Saudi Arabian officials in the repatriation of the bodies, saying, "cooperation was effectively given in what was a very complex situation."

## Pilgrimage plan ready

MEDINA, Aug. 5 — Medina municipality has prepared an integrated plan to cope with this year's pilgrimage season, says Mayor Sadaqa Hassan Khasboggi. He told *Al-Medina* Wednesday that Governor Prince Abdulghossein is in constant touch with the authorities to ensure the plan's success.

ipality spokesman said the debris had become a compact block of concrete. Also, Salimei said there existed a danger of the other wings collapsing.

The municipality official said the danger resulted from vibrations of heavy equipment removing the debris. In addition, a hill of debris rested against the remaining structure, which caused it to lean.

As a result, officials called in an American demolition expert to topple the remaining wings. A subsidiary danger the expert had to consider was preventing demolition debris from falling on the old debris, which would have prevented rescuers from reaching the trapped bodies.

Following the July 15 accident, Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi set up a technical committee to investigate the collapse. The committee includes a consultant company, Darul Handassah, representatives from King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah, the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, the consultant of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu and the U.S. Bechtel company. The committee is studying the building's architectural plans to pinpoint reasons for the building's collapse.

The complex, belonging to Sheikh Sulaiman Al-Agi, was being built by an Italian contracting company, in joint venture with him. The Italian ambassador said the investigation is still being conducted and the committee's final report will provide the answer to what went wrong and who is at fault.

# WAMY and OIC plan youth camp in Kuala Lumpur

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — Two Islamic organizations, based in the Kingdom, will hold an international Islamic youth camp in Malaysia from Aug. 9 to 19, the local press reported Wednesday. The World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY), based in Riyadh, will organize the camp in Kuala Lumpur, in cooperation with the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the Malaysian government.

More than 100 youths from the various continents as well as members of Muslim communities in Australia and the Pacific will attend the camp, according to WAMY Secretary General Dr. Ahmed Ba Hafizullah. Diverse intellectual, cultural, sports and Islamic educational activities are planned for the duration of the camp.

Hafizullah said that WAMY receives a very generous support from Saudi Arabia to the tune of \$5 million annually which it spends on Muslim youth welfare, in consultation with Islamic organizations all over the world and its own branches in Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Britain and Canada.

## COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi  
*Al-Medina*

For sometime, we believed that public service is only a graveyard of human capabilities and private business is the easiest way to achieve one's ambitions and to amass wealth. We also believed that one remains dead down as an official, but feels free after giving up public service.

Though these beliefs have not proved their soundness, still we hasten to congratulate if someone gives up a public job, and similarly we wish a bright future for another who decides to come out of the official domain. If we continue to cling to such thoughts, the administrative machinery will become devoid of the much-needed capable hands. It is not always true that business leads to riches, for we find many young men who now cry for the job they already kicked to become businessmen. I remember one of them saying that one really feels free in a public service but loses that feeling after embarking on a private business.

Only a few days ago, I met one of my friends, 'Badr Krayem, who relinquished the post of director general of broadcasting to join a private service. Even earlier, another outstanding media official, Muhammad Haidar Mishaik had preferred business to media service. I am afraid some others might follow their suit one day and deprive the country's information services of capable young men whose rise to the present level of efficiency has not been an easy matter.

# Official flays equipment quality

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — A senior official of the Communications Ministry has criticized foreign companies for submitting equipment not fully proven in their own countries and which are inconsistent with the Kingdom's real needs.

In an interview with *Al-Medina* Wednesday, Dr. Mohiddin Darwish, the transportation undersecretary said that by doing so the companies are turning Saudi Arabia into a test field for their equipment.

He added that the ideal way to cope with the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who flock to the holy places every year and need transportation is to use conventional tramways. Foreign companies, aware of this reality, are trying to sell Saudi Arabia impractical ideas, such as the aero-train and other new equipment that are still under experiment in their own countries.

They are proposing small trains that cannot carry more than 20-30 passengers, though what is needed is tramways with a capacity of at least 500 pilgrims each, he added. The minister, Hussein Mansouri, recently commissioned the British rails to prepare a study on a railway network in the Western Region in general, and the holy places in particular.

The proposed network will start from Arafat then proceed to Muzadaliya, Mena, Jeddah, Jeddah Islamic port, King Abdul Aziz International Airport, Yanbu, Rabegh (where two refineries are built), and later to Medina. The project would be implemented only in case the Hijaz railway is recommissioned.

Darwish said that the use of tramways will reduce dependence on buses. The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has been permitted, as a member of the Central Pilgrimage Committee and the Supreme Pilgrimage Committee, to operate a 200-bus service in the holy places last year. It carried an average of 64,000 pilgrims daily, he added.

Private cars were indefinitely banned from entering the holy places during the pilgrimage season two years ago. SAPTCO has been

## Turki finances

### Riyadh mosque

RIYADH, Aug. 5 — A large mosque, built at the expense of Prince Turki ibo Abdul Aziz, has been completed and will open to prayer performers soon. According to Prince Turki's office Wednesday, the mosque, located in Ulayya District, accommodates more than 3,000 people. This move is part of the prince's attention given to charitable activities.

Last week, Prince Turki donated SR1 million in favor of the Marriage Welfare Society. It helps young Saudi Arabian men, who cannot afford the high cost of marriage, get married. The society received support from King Khalid, Crown Prince Fahd, many other princes and leading personalities.

given monopoly of public transport all over the Kingdom, the official said. He added that private mini-buses which have been a familiar feature for a long time can no longer operate in the streets. A decree was issued to this effect two months ago.

SAPTCO ensures its services at least 18 hours a day and is heavily subsidized by the state to operate in areas where subsidies exceed profit. Darwish said that subsidies received by SAPTCO in the past two years almost equal its capital. In some routes for each SR1 ticket bought by a passenger the government pays SR4 to SR16, he added.

The communications ministry decides on the operation of routes by the company. It has also been given priority for transportation in the holy places.

The official defended the price charged by the new Saudi Limousines Company which carries travelers from the new King Abdul Aziz Airport to the city center and vice-versa, saying that the fare (maximum SR60) is justifiable. The limousines are not ordinary taxis and cannot operate inside the city. Very often they would have to return without passengers, Darwish said.

## Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Barradah	Tabuk
Fajr	4:31	4:27	3:58	3:42	4:07	4:33
Dhuhr	12:27	12:27	11:59	11:46	12:10	12:40
Asr	3:46	3:54	3:25	3:16	3:40	4:14
Maghrib	6:58	7:03	6:35	6:24	6:49	7:22
Isha	8:28	8:33	8:05	7:54	8:19	8:52



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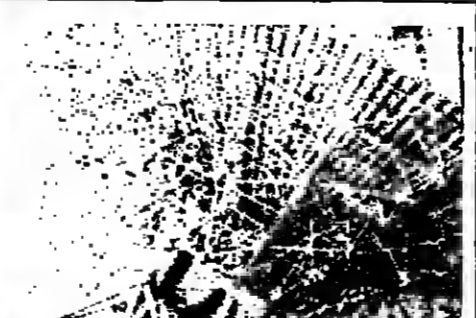
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# Haig cool to Sadat's plea on PLO role

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig Wednesday gave a cool reception to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's suggestion that the United States open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Haig said "there requirements are clear" for any role by the Palestinians in Middle East peace discussions: Acceptance of the United Nations resolutions on Israel, and "recognition of the existence and right of Israel to exist."

Sadat arrived in Washington Tuesday night for two days of talks starting Wednesday morning with President Reagan. He made his suggestion of contacts between the United States and the PLO during a stopover in London. Asked during a television interview whether participation in Middle East discussions was entirely up to the PLO, Haig replied, "I think that's very clear."

The Sadat visit was considered the first step in framing the Reagan administration's Middle East policy. Haig said it was "much too early to speculate" that the United States would seek to set up a summit meeting with Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin on Palestinian autonomy.

Sadat, at his first ever meeting with Reagan is expected to pursue his campaign to have the PLO involved in the Middle East peace process.

U.S. officials said President Reagan would probably rebuff the idea of any U.S. dialogue with the PLO feeling bound by a 1975 commitment to Israel not to negotiate with the PLO unless it accepted Israel's right to exist.

But many State Department officials are hoping that Sadat will persuade the conservative Reagan to alter some of his personal views on the Middle East, which are at variance with department thinking.

U.S. officials said major developments should not be expected from the three scheduled sessions of talks between the two leaders, although they hinted at a possible expansion of bilateral military relations. More important, they said, was that the two leaders, who have never met before, should establish confidence in each other.

White House spokesman David Gergen said Wednesday he did not foresee Reagan altering U.S. policy. The president felt strongly that the PLO had to accept Israel's right to exist, he said. He however, said they expected these views to undergo some modification during his meetings with Sadat.

A major purpose of the visit for both Sadat and Reagan is to discuss ways of resuming the stalled discussions between Israel and Egypt on autonomy for the 1.5 million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. This is the major unfinished business from the 1978 Camp David Accords. U.S. officials have said they will welcome Sadat's views on how to resume the talks. However, his suggestion for involvement of the PLO is certain to be received coolly by Reagan.

Sadat said Israel and the United States had already recognized the Palestinians by arriving at the July 24 ceasefire between Palestinians and Israelis on the Lebanon fighting.

# Parliament member escapes Top IRP theoretician shot dead by gunmen

BEIRUT, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Assassins shot and killed a leading figure in Iran's ruling Islamic Republican Party Wednesday only hours after gunmen tried unsuccessfully to kill another member of parliament, the official Pars news agency reported.

Despite the ongoing wave of rub-outs and bombings, 168 members of parliament convened and gave an overwhelming vote of confidence to the newly-appointed Prime Minister Hojatolislam Muhammad Javad Bahonar, the head of the clergy dominated IRP. Pars said that Hassan Ayat, the IRP's theoretician and member of parliament, was ambushed as he left his house in an eastern suburb of the capital for the parliament session. He was hit in the head and died in a Tehran hospital.

Two of Ayat's bodyguards were wounded in the attack, one of them seriously. The attack was blamed on counter-revolutionaries who opened fire from a car and then sped away. A similar hit-and-run attack was carried out against Bahaeddin Alamoloda, a member of parliament, as he was leaving his home in Tehran for prayers Tuesday night, Pars said, adding that Alamoloda escaped unharmed but a bodyguard was wounded in the nose by gunmen in a passing car.

Observers in Tehran said that government spokesman Behzad Nabavi condemned the attacks as an "act of terrorism."

Reports from hospital said that two bullets were shot in Ayat's head and eye, causing serious bleeding which resulted in his martyrdom.

In Cairo, the self-proclaimed Shah of Iran disclosed Wednesday that he is making "concerted plans" with opposition forces to overthrow Ayatollah Khomeini. In a 600-word statement to "patriots" in Iran and abroad,

Reza Pahlavi called for a "national uprising to destroy the forked of evil" as the only way to salvation from the present hell."

In Moscow, Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has sent a telegram of congratulations to the Iranian President Rajai, expressing the hope that cooperation between the two countries would grow. TASS news agency said. The telegram said: "Please accept my congratulations and good wishes upon your election to the high post of the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran. I would like to express the hope that relations between the Soviet Union and the Islamic Republic of Iran will develop on the basis of equality, respect for sovereignty and mutually advantageous cooperation, meeting the vital interests of the peoples of our neighboring countries."

In London, Iranian students Tuesday began a hunger strike to protest against the imprisonment, torture and execution of left-wing opponents of the government in Tehran. About 70 students, including 20 girls, were camped in the middle of a street near Trafalgar Square, which was crowded with thousands of tourists. A spokesman who said he did not want to be named because of fear of reprisals, said most of them had relatives in Iranian prisons.

Meanwhile, Iran demanded an explanation from the West German government Tuesday for the attacks on Iranian diplomatic missions in Bonn and West Berlin, and warned Germany would suffer "inescapable consequences" if such attacks continued. About 25 Iranian expatriates stormed the Iranian consulate in West Berlin Tuesday to protest the Islamic government in their country. They later surrendered to German police.

# Birthrate drops among Jews

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Israel's birthrate has dropped in the last decade among both its Jewish and Palestinian population, according to figures published Wednesday by the Central Bureau of Statistics. But the Palestinian population continued to reproduce faster than the Jewish population.

With 94,300 births recorded in 1980, the birthrate among the Jews was 24.3 per thousand, and 36.5 per thousand among the non-Jewish population. The average Jewish couple in 1980 has 2.8 children compared to 3.4 children a decade ago. The average Israeli Palestinian family today has 5.4 children, compared to 7.7 in 1970.

Israel's population stands at 3.9 million with 600,000 Palestinians. The study did not include Palestinians in territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

Asked if his visit had any connection with one he paid to Ethiopia in April, the Italian foreign minister said that the region's peace was among the topics he discussed in Ethiopia and that he was going to do the same in Somalia. "If something useful comes out of this, it would be a great satisfaction for me," he said, indicating he might play a mediation role if he found differences between the two neighbor states.

Somalia and Ethiopia are at loggerheads over the Ethiopian-held Ogaden region. The government in Mogadishu says its ethnic Somali inhabitants should be allowed to "exercise their right to self-determination," while the authorities in Addis Ababa insist it is part of Ethiopia whose "territorial integrity cannot be questioned."

# Emilio Colombo may mediate Somali-Ethiopian dispute

MOGADISHU, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Visiting Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo began a first round of talks here Tuesday with his Somali counterpart, Abdurahman Jama Barre, which informed sources said would concentrate on the two countries' traditional rivalries.

The two states are expected to sign an accord on wider technical and economic cooperation during Colombo's three-day visit. The Horn of Africa will also be reviewed by the two foreign ministers, although Colombo said on arrival Monday night that the solution of the conflict lay in the hands of Africans. He said, however, that Italy and the rest of the European Economic Community were interested in peace in the Horn of Africa.

# Gunshots injure Fateh leader

WARSAW, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Muhammad Daoud Odeh, a leader of Fateh Palestinian resistance movement, was shot five times and wounded seriously here last Saturday, the Palestinian liberation Organization representative said Wednesday.

PLO spokesman Fouad Mahmoud Yaseen said the shooting took place in the coffee shop of the Victoria Intercontinental Hotel, and that Daoud was in a serious condition in a Warsaw hospital. Yaseen said in a telephone interview that the shooting was certainly done "for political motives" and blamed "Zionist activities."

"They were following our man and they hunted him here and chose the most convenient moment for them to shoot him," Yaseen said.

Yaseen said: "There was an assailant and he escaped. He apparently had people waiting for him outside the hotel."

# Begin forms cabinet

TEL AVIV, Aug. 5 (R) — Prime Minister Menahem Begin Wednesday formally presented his 17-man new coalition government to the Israeli Knesset (parliament), naming Ariel (Arik) Sharon as defense minister. The Knesset will be asked to approve this new government, which political analysts expect to be more hawkish on Middle East affairs than any previous Israeli administration.

Eight members of the former Begin cabinet retained their old jobs including Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Finance Minister Yoram Arior. The rest were mainly former ministers in new positions. Even with the support of the Knesset's three religious parties, Begin's Likud bloc command only a bare majority of 61 seats in the 120-member chamber.

Tamir's leader Aharon Abuhazzeira was given a multiple post including the portfolios of labor, welfare and immigrant absorption. The NRP secured two posts with Yosef Burg retaining his job as interior minister and Zvulun Hammer staying on as education minister. Burg's domain was expanded to include charge of the religious affairs ministry.

# U.S. using Sinai pact to build up army

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (R) — The Soviet Union has accused the United States of using the new peace accord between Egypt and Israel signed in Washington Monday as a cover for stepping up its military presence in the Middle East.

The official Tass news agency said the accord, under which both sides agreed to allow a U.S.-dominated peace-keeping force to police the Sinai border between them, was made to look like a new round in Washington's Middle-East peace process. "However in effect the agreement is nothing but a smokescreen to conceal plans to replace Israeli occupationist troops in that strategically-important region with U.S. occupationist troops," Tass said.

# EEC plan rejected outright Russia wants Afghans included in discussions

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union Wednesday spelled out its objections to a European Common Market initiative on Afghanistan and said it formed no basis for the withdrawal of its troops from the country.

The Communist Party daily Pravda published a commentary which was the first detailed Soviet reply to the West European proposals since they were put forward by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington during a visit to Moscow last month. Western diplomats said the article, which followed several attacks on the proposals in the Soviet media in the past four weeks, amounted to a final and outright rejection.

The commentary said Moscow could not accept the EEC's call for an international conference on the Afghan issue without the presence of the Soviet-backed government in Kabul. Written by Alexei Petovgan, a pen-name signifying the article carries the highest authority, the commentary said Soviet troops could be withdrawn from Afghanistan only on the basis of proposals put forward by Kabul in May last year.

These would involve the presence of Afghan leaders as equal partners in any international settlement talks, thus effectively gaining formal recognition for the government, which was set up when Soviet forces intervened in December 1979.

The Common Market plan, aimed at securing an early withdrawal of the estimated 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan, proposed a two-stage conference which would not include any Afghans in his first phase. Pravda said it was unrealistic to discuss the country's problems without officials from Kabul and complained that the plan also gave no guarantee they would be the "representatives of the

Afghan people" at the second stage of the conference.

Meanwhile, United Nations envoy Javier Perez de Cuellar had a brief meeting in Karachi with Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi at the start of a mission to bring Afghanistan to the conference table with its neighbors Pakistan and Iran.

Shahi told reporters the 45-minute meeting Tuesday was extremely useful and enabled him to clarify Pakistan's attitude to negotiations with Afghanistan aimed at a political solution in the country and the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

On the battle front, heavy fighting has been raging since last week between anti-communist fighters and Soviet and Afghan government troops near the strategic town of Kapsia in Afghanistan's Parwan province, a Kabul source reported in New Delhi Tuesday. President Babrak Karmal's government rushed military reinforcements, including Soviet tanks and armored personnel carriers, in an effort to wrest control of the rebel-held town. The source, who asked not be identified but who has been accurate in the past, said the government force suffered heavy casualties in the fighting. Freedom fighters destroyed at least four Soviet tanks and several trucks, the source added.

The source reported authorities in Kabul were sending police units to beef up the government force near Kapsia.

In Kandahar nearly half the shopkeepers have left their stores because of heavy fighting in the region, diplomatic sources said in New Delhi. The sources also reported fighting in Gbazni and Kabul provinces. Kandahar had been one of the strongholds of the rebels since the Soviet armed intervention in December 1979.

# In south Lebanon Israel attacks refugee camps

BEIRUT, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organization said Wednesday an Israeli gunboat fired machinegun volleys into a refugee camp in southern Lebanon, charging the overnight raid was a violation of the 13-day-old ceasefire.

A communique said the gunboat fired at Rashidieh and Ras al-Ain refugee camps on the southern flank of the port city of Tyre, 20 kms north of the Israeli border. It spoke of no casualties or a retaliation.

Lebanon's state radio described the naval attack on Rashidieh as an "aggression" and a "serious violation of the ceasefire. But PLO sources in Beirut and Lebanese reporters on the scene said the showdown was

still intact. Israeli helicopters had also flown over parts of south Lebanon and before midnight military vehicles were seen moving into the towns of Klea and Marjayoun in the Israeli-backed rightist enclave in southern Lebanon, Wafa reported. Israel agreed to a ceasefire in southern Lebanon July 24 after two weeks of devastating ground, naval and air strikes against Palestinian and civilian targets in Beirut and the south.

Israeli warplanes broke the sound barrier twice over Beirut at mid-morning for the second time since Israeli and Syrian jets clashed in a dogfight over Lebanon July 29 and Israel claim-ed a Soviet-made MiG-25 was shot down, according to Beirut radio.

# U.S. wants UNIFIL to be bolstered

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The United States may try to strengthen the United Nations military force in southern Lebanon as part of a new Middle East peace effort, the Reagan administration said Tuesday.

State Department spokesman Dean Fischer indicated that a presidential envoy Philip C. Habib brought up the possibility of an expanded U.N. peacekeeping force in recent discussions with United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Fischer said efforts to expand the area and responsibility of the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon — generally referred to as UNIFIL

— is an active possibility as the United States moves to take advantage of the ceasefire between Israeli and Palestinian fighters inside Lebanon arranged for in part by Habib's efforts.

He said any bolstering of UNIFIL would have to be approved by the United Nations Security Council which created the unit in the first place and deployed it in southern Lebanon along the Lebanese-Israeli border. The United States also will continue efforts to strengthen the Lebanese central government to take control of the entire country by supplanting warring factions.

# Kuwait spurns U.S. Hawks

KUWAIT, Aug. 5 (AP) — Kuwait's Defense Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah disclosed Wednesday his government has rejected for financial reasons an offer by the U.S. government to sell Kuwait an advanced version of the Hawk missile anti-aircraft. He also reported substantial progress in Kuwait's new negotiations to purchase weapons from the Soviet Union.

He added that a high-ranking Kuwaiti military team "with far-reaching authorization" will visit Moscow next month "to finalize negotiations for purchasing Soviet weapons necessary for the Kuwaiti armed forces: including long-range, medium-range and short-range arms." He added the preliminary talks in this respect concluded in Moscow last month by a Kuwaiti military team had been "constructive."

Also appearing in the Kuwaiti military parade this year together with U.S.-made weaponry, were Soviet armaments, including the 60-mile-range ground-to-ground Luna missile.

# Klibi meets Carrington

LONDON, Aug. 5 — Secretary-General of the Arab League, Chadi Klibi, held brief but positive talks in London Tuesday with Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington.

In Their 50-minute meeting Carrington and Klibi discussed general political questions affecting the Middle East, especially the Arab-Israeli dispute. In common with President Sadat of Egypt during his London talks the day before, Klibi emphasized the significance of the recent Lebanese ceasefire as a step on which to construct a comprehensive peace settlement.

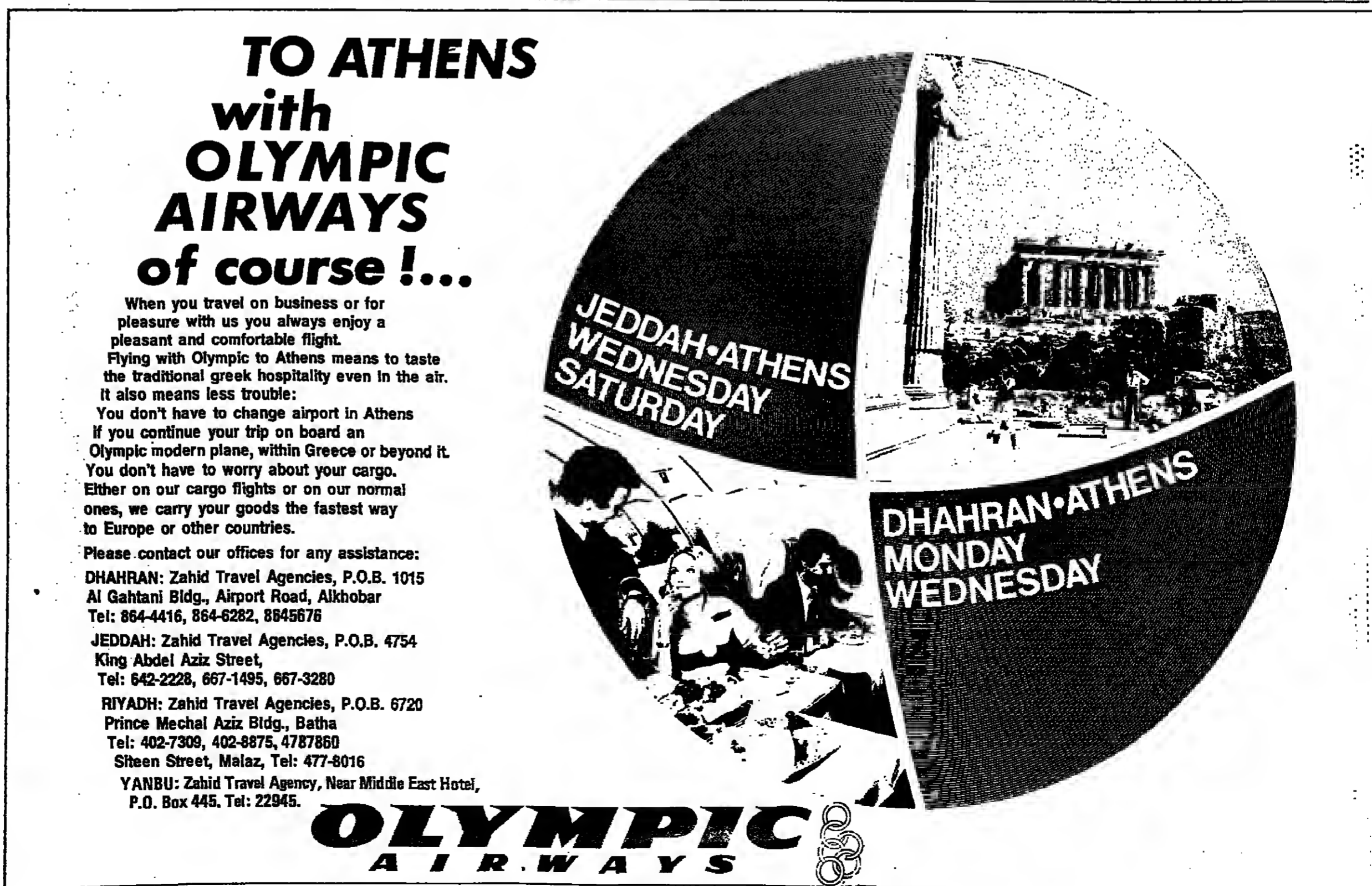
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# Ziyang to visit Manila today

MANILA, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang arrives here Thursday on the first leg of a three-nation tour of non-Communist Southeast Asia. His tour comes in the wake of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) diplomatic offensive against Vietnamese presence in Kampuchea, definitely placing China and her once unlikely allies on the same side of the fence.

China's own "unity in adversity" theory, however, still aptly describes Peking's relations with her staunchly anti-Communist neighbors who fear the spread of Communism in their own lands. The Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore, which the Chinese premier will visit, are part of the five-nation ASEAN.

Kampuchea and other regional problems, as well as Communist insurgency problems will likely be topics of concern during the visit of the highest ever Chinese official here. At the same time, increased trade and exchanges in technology will be the field of more concrete deliberations as Southeast Asian developing countries acknowledge the view that increasing political and economic stability will decrease their insecurity about their Communist neighbors.

The Chinese premier is scheduled to meet with Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos for talks. He will also be visiting thermal projects and educational institutions in the country. The visit caps more the five years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Meanwhile, China's leading newspaper Wednesday warned the nation against "any form of subservience" toward foreign countries. In a commentary on a resolution adopted last June at the sixth plenum of the Communist Party central committee, the official *People's Daily* said China must "protect its independence and show self-reliance in undertaking its economic construction."

"This is unjust and an affront to the sovereignty of these states," Yu said, adding that China was opposed to the spread of nuclear weapons.



Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang

"guard against any form of subservience or debasement in relations with any power", the Communist Party organ urged the nation to beware of "capitalists who are only concerned about profits."

"During the sixties and the seventies, our partners led us by the nose... We made mistakes in the economic field both domestically and abroad, but the (plenum) resolution has remedied this situation," the paper added. It blamed "capitalists" for having agreed to sign contracts worth several thousand million dollars with China without having advised Peking to carry out preliminary feasibility or profitability studies.

Without questioning the regime's current policy of developing ties with foreign countries, the *People's Daily* stressed "the harmful effects" on the country's "economic construction" which followed the "blind" importation of advanced technology and huge equipment from abroad.

In Geneva, China Tuesday called on nuclear powers to pledge guarantees safeguarding nations without nuclear weapons from attack as a prelude to wide-ranging international commitment to nuclear disarmament.

Addressing the United Nations Disarmament Committee, Chinese delegate Yu Peiwei criticized "certain" nuclear powers for opposing nuclear proliferation and also the development of nuclear energy in other countries while at the same time building up their own nuclear arsenals.

"This is unjust and an affront to the sovereignty of these states," Yu said, adding that China was opposed to the spread of nuclear weapons.

## 36th General Assembly session

# Four Asians vie for U.N. presidency

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 5 (R) — With the regular session of the United Nations General Assembly — the 36th — only a few weeks away, four Asian diplomats are battling for the honor of presiding over the three-month proceedings.

The four are Khawaja Muhammad Kaiser of Bangladesh, Ismael Kizani of Iraq, T.T.B. Koh of Singapore, and Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria. Khaddam is his country's deputy prime minister and foreign minister. Kaiser and Koh are chief U.N. delegates, and Kizani is a senior adviser to the Iraqi foreign minister who has served both as a delegate and a secretariat official at the United Nations.

The assembly presidency, considered the most prestigious of all U.N. offices, is passed around among the regional groups. The current president is from Western Europe: Ruediger von Weizsaecker of West Germany. Before him, Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania was Africa's nominee and now it is Asia's turn.

The regional groups try to form a consensus behind a single choice, but such an accord has eluded the Asian group so far. There have been contests before, although seldom if ever with so many candidates as



Abdul Halim Khaddam of Syria

there now are for the presidency.

Last year, Jaime de Pinies, the chief delegate of Spain, ran against Von Weizsaecker. De Pinies, a popular and skillful diplomat, withdrew shortly before the assembly began, permitting the West German's unopposed election.

Reports at the time suggested that only

high-level intervention by the West German government persuaded Madrid to direct its envoy to drop out. Spain was later elected to a two-year term on the Security Council and this was widely regarded as a consolation prize.

Diplomats said there was no clear favorite among the present contenders, although Kaiser was given a slight edge. Koh, known to his friends as Tommy, is already president of the U.N. conference on the law of the sea, which reopened Tuesday in Geneva.

Kizani, a popular former executive assistant to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, is said to have a wide following, but the fact that Iraq is in a state of war with both Israel and Iran could harm his chances, diplomats said.

Khaddam is perhaps the least well known of the candidates in U.N. diplomatic circles, but his high office is not an obstacle to election. Several foreign ministers have been elected in the past.

The session opens on Sept. 15, and by then the field may have been narrowed, even to a single nominee. If not, the candidate receiving the largest vote will be elected by secret ballot.

# U.S. media said inadequate to cover new plan

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 5 (AP) — A press officer for the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has come up with his own solution to the problem of unfriendly American press coverage of UNESCO's continuing discussion of a new world information order.

"Personally... I think that this is the wrong kind of story for the American press to cover," said Joseph Mehan, UNESCO's chief of public information for the United States, based at U.N. headquarters.

Mehan, himself a former National Broadcasting Co. newsmen, explained Tuesday that in his opinion American reporters preferred to get their stories from quick briefings and write them quickly.

"They don't know how to read documents," he contended, nor how to follow a subject through long, complicated proceedings in the manner required for proper coverage of UNESCO issues.

His seeming implication that it might be

better if American reporters simply ignored the whole UNESCO debate on communications came at a briefing he gave for U.N. correspondents to answer complaints about some trends in the debate.

"There is no new world information order yet," he said. "It's an abstraction in search of a concrete identity... An immense variety of suggestions."

Mehan handed out a list of elements on which such an order "could be based," as approved at the UNESCO general conference in Belgrade last October.

The list included freedom of the press, removal of obstacles to a free flow of information, "respect for each people's cultural identity," respect for the right of ethnic and social groups "to participate actively in the communication process" and elimination of present "imbalances" and of "the negative effects of certain monopolies."

Mehan also said, "there is no licensing of journalists." Asked to explain concern in the

Western press that UNESCO might be moving in that direction, he said there had indeed been a proposal for such licensing put forward by a French professor at a UNESCO-sponsored meeting of journalists' organizations in Paris last February.

# 2,000 Chinese die of cancer everyday

PEKING, Aug. 5 (R) — Nearly 2,000 persons die of cancer in China everyday, according to an official Chinese newspaper.

The weekly publication *Peking Science and Technology* said one in six men and one in 10 women in the world's most populous nation could expect to die of malignant tumors.

Each year 700,000 persons die of the disease. Of China's billion people, a million on average had cancer each year — 0.1 percent of the population. The paper said cancer incidence appeared to be on the increase, but did not offer any explanation for this.

Noted by Interpol

# India involved in drug transit

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5 (AFP) — India is fast burgeoning into a major transit country for narcotics, placed as it is between the "golden triangle" of Burma, Thailand and Laos and the "golden crescent" of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. It is even becoming a possible source of opium-based narcotics to the Western world, including Australia and New Zealand.

From a modest transit country in the early 1970s and a harmless destination for soft-drug addicts, India has now found a place in Interpol's confidential *Intelligence Bulletin* as a major source of information on world drug-running.

The *Bulletin* says "even India is said to be a major exporter of opium-based drugs. It is believed by many that considerable amounts of Indian and Pakistani heroin, through Nepal, are reaching Australia and New Zealand."

This is the first time that Interpol has said that India is involved in the world's estimated \$100,000 million narcotics business. The Indian entry into the international drug world is very recent. In United Nations International Narcotics Control Board reports of 1979 and 1980 India was not mentioned at all.

The Indian connection started unfolding at the beginning of this year, when government sleuths were tipped off that a large consignment of cocaine was due to pass through agents in the western port city of Bombay stumbled on a consignment of Bolivian handicrafts shipped from La Paz. Hidden in them was 2.23 kilos of cocaine valued at about \$750,000. The seizure was the biggest in Asia — almost three times the annual cocaine haul in any single year.

# Japan queries Soviet cutting of fishing nets

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Japan Wednesday again asked the Soviet Union to find out whether Soviet warships were responsible for cutting Japanese fishing lines off Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island, in May, government officials said. The officials said the Foreign Ministry made the request to the Soviet Embassy here.

Soviet and American warships are suspected of having accidentally severed Japanese fishing lines during Japan-U.S. joint military drills in May and negotiations have started between Japanese and American authorities on compensation to Japanese fishermen. Total damage is estimated at \$366,666, they said.

An official at the Soviet Embassy reiterated the statement made in late May that Soviet warships were not responsible for cutting fishing lines but said that he would convey the Japanese request to Moscow, they said. Soviet warships had been spotted near the maneuver areas at the time the fishing lines were cut.

# South African troops engaged in border chase

OSHAKATI, Namibia, Aug. 5 (AFP) — South Africa's military commander in Namibia, Maj. Gen. Charles Lloyd, told a group of foreign journalists here in the operation zone that his troops were engaged in "hot-pursuit" operations across the border but were not occupying any area of Angola.

Gen. Lloyd said that the hot-pursuit operations were a continual process. "As we detect terrorists inside (Namibia) we follow them across the border," he said.

# 16 'untouchables' hurt 150 Indian homes set aflame

MADRAS, India, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Infuriated by the teasing of some girls of their community, 400 upper caste Hindus set aflame 150 homes of "untouchables" or outcasts Tuesday in the southernmost Indian state of Tamil Nadu, police officials here reported.

All the houses were destroyed before fire engines reached the village of Dolar in South Arcot district, the officials said. At least 16 "untouchables" were reported injured in beatings.

A police force that rushed to the village, 200 kms southwest of Madras, was attacked by the mob. Several policemen were injured, the officials added.

The injured were reportedly 16 "untouchable" young men who were beaten by higher caste Hindus. The youths reportedly had been harassing some upper caste girls in the village by poking fun and making lewd remarks.

Meanwhile, a court at Patna, capital of Bihar state, Wednesday sentenced 50 persons to life imprisonment in a case in which at least 16 Hindu untouchables were burned alive in February last year. Eleven others were acquitted, reports said.

The mass murders took place at Pipra, in the Patna area, when homes of untouchables were attacked and set on fire by an armed mob of higher caste Hindus.

In an unrelated development, former defense minister and an important leader of the opposition Congress Party, Jagjivan Ram, Wednesday revolted, along with own supporters, against the leadership of his party, forcing a split in the group.

# 19 Ugandans drowned

KAMPALA, Uganda, Aug. 5 (AP) — An overcrowded ferryboat broke apart and sank in Lake Victoria near Entebbe, killing 19 Ugandans, police disclosed Tuesday. Six persons managed to swim ashore. Police said they were investigating the July 28th accident.

According to police, the wooden boat was carrying 25 passengers when a side of the ferry caved in. Police said most of the passengers could not swim and only six adults were able to reach land.

# Lee returns home

VIENNA, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew returned home Tuesday after a four-day visit to Austria, it was announced. The prime minister had talks with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky during his stay.

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More funds planned

Pentagon to boost defense industries

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Pentagon is considering a plan to spend a half billion dollars a year to improve the defense industry's capability for swinging into full production in event of a war.

"We are looking very seriously at correcting some of the very glaring deficiencies in the industrial budget for gearing up production quickly in the event of a crisis," a senior Pentagon planner said Tuesday.

After burial

Panama recalls 'Omar' tales

PANAMA CITY, Aug. 5 (AP) — After Gen. Omar Torrijos was buried, some of those who knew Panama's charismatic strongman were swapping "Omar" stories.

His detractors contended heaped Castro in refusing to shuck the pistol-belt, fatigues and bush hat he always wore as he constantly toured the country talking to the peasants.

Britain expels Soviet official

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Viktor Lazin, a second secretary at the Soviet Embassy here, has been ordered to leave the country for activities "incompatible with his diplomatic status," the Foreign Office has announced.

U.S. Ambassador Ambler Moss, who knew him well, recalled his reckless macho streak. Moss said he visited him once at Coolestito, a village west of Panama City near where the site of the plane crash that killed Torrijos last Friday.

Emergency declared in Greek area

ATHENS, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Greek government has declared the eastern area of the prefecture of Attica, which includes the capital city, in a state of emergency as firemen, troops and police fought to control huge forest and scrub fires that broke out in residential suburbs north of Athens.

estimates of the number of houses that had caught fire. "Our first priority is to save homes and lives, then we will count the damage," one fire brigade officer, who declined to be named, said.

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Valued at \$7.2m Wedding gifts go on show in London

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) — A red plastic cooking timer and sapphires the size of pigeon's eggs went on public display Wednesday at St. James Palace along with more than 700 other wedding gifts presented to Prince Charles and his bride Diana.

that could grace the 1,000-pound (\$1,810) king-size bed offered by a British firm. Spain's King Juan Carlos, who boycotted the wedding, sent gifts anyway — a bronze polo player statue and set of gray suitcases.

television viewers around the world. Missing from the exhibition are gifts from the royal couple's families and old flames of Charles such as Lady Jane Wellesley.

Among the treasures displayed at a press showing Tuesday was the United States' gift to the Prince and Princess of Wales — a Steuben glass bowl decorated with kings, noblemen and crusaders.

Organizers of the exhibition said that altogether between 5,000 and 6,000 gifts had been received by the royal couple and only a representative selection was on display.

Not shown are cows, horses and other livestock from loyal farmers. The prince and princess still have nearly 5,000 gifts to unpack, said a guard at the exhibition.

At crash site Argentine plane identified

MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP) — Argentine diplomats have identified the wreckage of a missing Argentine cargo plane and confirm that the crew perished when the craft went down in Soviet Armenia last month.

The official Soviet news agency Tass disclosed the crash in a sketchy report July 22, saying an unidentified plane entered Soviet airspace from Iran on July 17, collided with a Soviet plane and crashed.

Ancient whale found in rock

CALABASAS, California, Aug. 5 (AP) — The fossilized bones of a 40-ton whale that died about 10 million years ago are being painstakingly uncovered from a site that had been destined for a housing development.

Pope undergoes second operation

ROME, Aug. 5 (R) — Pope John Paul, who was seriously injured in an attempt on his life in May, successfully underwent a 45-minute operation to restore the working of his intestines, his doctors said.

during the first six-hour operation after the shooting and a colostomy was performed to allow the remainder to recover.

Japan landslides kill 3

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Three persons were killed in rain-triggered landslides and two others were missing in Hokkaido as typhoon Roy roared north toward the northernmost main island of Japan, police said.

Salvador liberators kill 150 soldiers

SAN SALVADOR, Aug. 5 (AP) — At least 150 soldiers died in the government's recent offensive against liberation front forces on and around the Gnazapa volcano, 53 kms northeast of here, a front spokesman has said.

1,300 government troops in the last six months — about ten times what the army had previously reported. A Defense Ministry spokesman later admitted Hinton's figures were correct but said most of those killed were peasants, members of regional anti-FMLN forces.

Dental student fined for gold fillings theft

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey, Aug. 5 (AP) — A former dental student at the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey was fined \$775 for stealing gold teeth and fillings from cadavers at the college's medical school.

U.S. said proposing N-weapons for Asia

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Japan would have strong reservations about any United States plans to deploy theater nuclear weapons in Asia, especially in Japan, a Foreign Ministry official told the daily Japan Times Wednesday.

44 Americans arrested for narcotic deals

MIAMI, Aug. 5 (AP) — Three hundred U.S. government agents arrested 44 persons Tuesday and were seeking 17 others on charges resulting from a 2½-year undercover FBI investigation into the laundering of narcotics money, authorities said.

Patient kept on oxygen lights cigarette, dies

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — A patient in a north London hospital has died after lighting a cigarette while on oxygen. The victim, 66-year-old Frederick Burgess, had been hospitalized in Colindale for bronchitis.

Indian snakes paraded

NEW DELHI, Aug. 5 (AFP) — About 800 snakes, many of them cobras and other poisonous species, were taken in procession by bullock carts at Shirala, in Maharashtra state during "Nagpanchami" snake worship day celebrations Tuesday.

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PARIS, (AFP) — Two youthful racketeers who preyed on children drowned a 13-year-old boy when he refused to hand them over money they demanded — the victim was deaf and dumb and unable to swim.

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## Rebel Poles topple the barons

By Mark Frankland

WARSAW — Polish Communists have begun to change the way that politics are practised in eastern Europe. The Communist Party congress that ended here last week saw the emergence of a populist party that had struck out ferociously against its own hierarchy. By using democratic elections it got rid of the party barons who for years have been beyond criticism and control and whom the congress blamed for getting Poland into its present troubles.

With the meat ration cut last week to 6 lb. 8 oz. a month, with food queues that last all day and night in the city of Lodz, with the army having to rush special supplies to Silesia so that miners may have the strength to go on working, this chucking out of the rascals was an understandable act of retribution.

It was also an act, though apparently unplanned as such, that destroyed a tradition of Communist rule begun by Stalin and now practised throughout the Communist world.

According to this tradition the Central Committee, the supreme authority of the party between congresses, is composed of the most powerful people in the country. In Brezhnev's Soviet Union this has become so formalized that appointment to the most important party and state jobs brings with it automatically membership of the Central Committee.

The Poles have done away with this. Their new Central Committee of 200 contains not one of the department heads of the Central Committee bureaucracy who under the Soviet style system are faceless mandarins with almost unchallengeable authority over every part of national life.

It includes only a handful of the party bosses and the leaders of the country's two biggest party organizations, Katowice and Warsaw, are conspicuously absent. In the Soviet Union it would be unthinkable for the leaders of the Moscow and Leningrad parties not to be in the Politburo, let alone the Central Committee.

The new Polish committee contains hardly any ministers, not a single ambassador, and not one editor of the leading party newspapers. All these once unassailable characters who previously operated from within the Central Committee's secure walls must now perform their duties under the populist gaze.

The leaderships of the Soviet bloc must have pricked up their ears when Stanislaw Kania, the Polish party leader, spoke kindly in his closing speech to congress about the senior men who had failed to make the Central Committee.

They still had important work to do, he said and he might have added that they have a chance to make a comeback in future party elections. This is not politics as it is practised in Moscow, Prague or Bucharest where one does not so much lose power as disappear for good.

The rest of East Europe will find it hard to criticize what the Poles have done. Before the Polish congress they were saying that not enough workers were being elected as delegates.

Though only one out of five of the Polish delegates was a worker (the percentage of worker delegates at this year's Soviet Party congress was in fact not much higher) workers easily dominate the new Polish Central Committee. There are 80 of them and together with peasant farmers they have a clear majority.

This is far more than in the old Polish committee, of which a quarter was made up of workers, or in any other Soviet bloc Central Committee. It is ideologically difficult for other Soviet bloc parties to criticize this. They wanted workers and workers they have got. — (ONS)

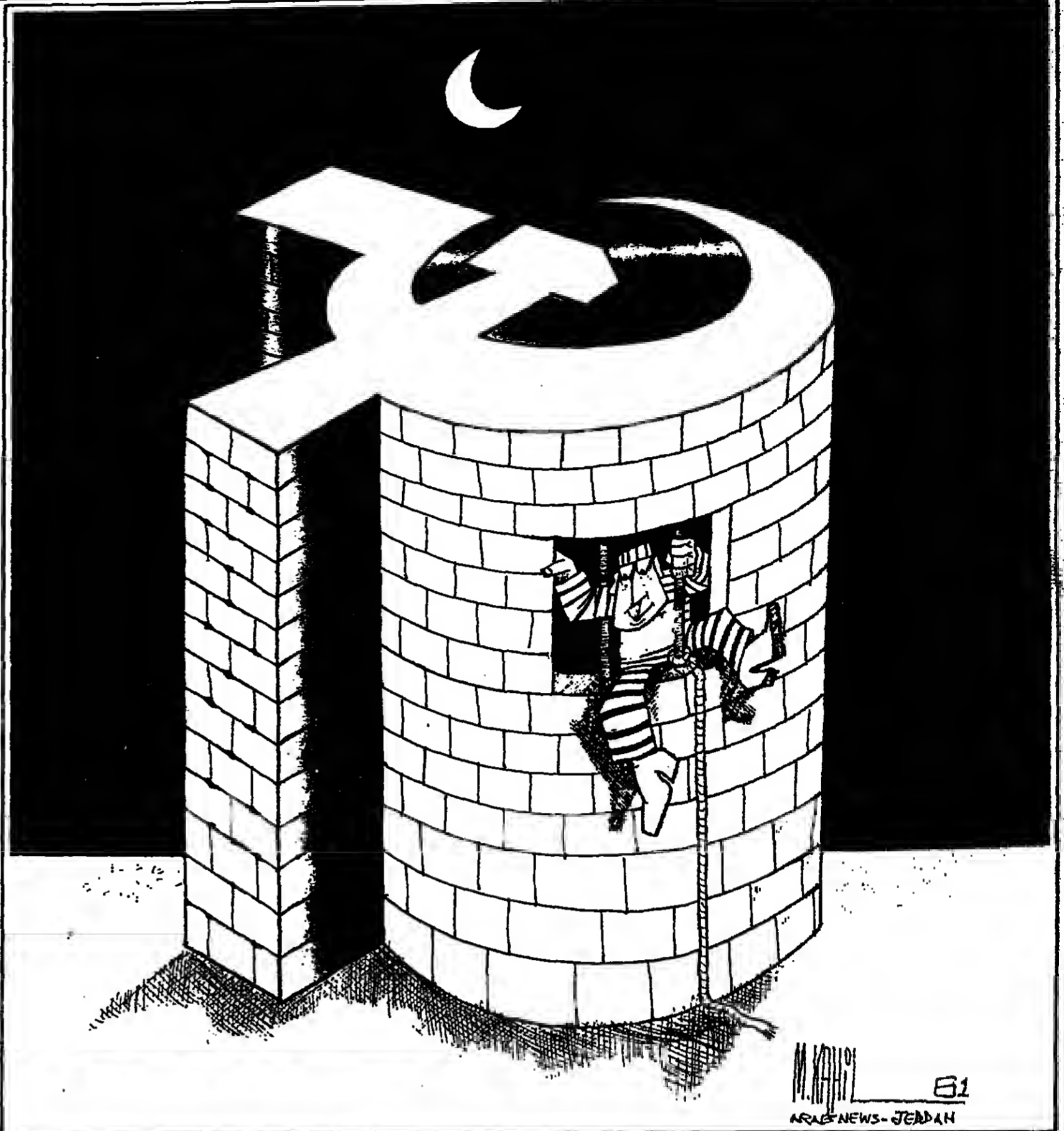
### Letter to the editor

Sir,

One feels sorry to find people having very little sense of basic health and hygiene. It is a common sight to encounter people visiting drug stores and pharmacies as if they have come to a wholesale shop for their monthly needs! They tell their varying complaints to the man-behind-the-counter, who in turn, loads them with all sorts of medicines. Often the people insist on having the most expensive drugs. They want to avoid the "trouble" of going to the hospital and "waste" their time in consulting the doctor, whereas, by visiting the neighboring pharmacy, they can get "treatment" for any ailment in only a few minutes. Their ignorance is exploited to the advantage of those who want to make quick money and indulge in such malpractices.

The people should be aware that proper medical advice must be sought, for their own benefit, before initiating any treatment. There is a strong need for initiating a campaign to impart basic health education to the people.

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## Ethiopian rulers ponder Western aid

By Bernd Debusmann

ADDIS ABABA — Ethiopia's military rulers, the Soviet Union's most important allies in Africa, are cautiously opening up to the West in the hope of rallying more help in developing their vast, backward country.

Third World and western diplomats here agree that the Marxist military government led by Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam is displaying new flexibility in dealing with the West — and a hard-headed pragmatism which stands in stark contrast to the strident tone of official propaganda against "imperialism."

But a series of recent feelers to the West has excluded the United States, which is still regarded as public enemy number one for failing to respond to requests for arms when Ethiopia was attacked by Somalia four years ago.

Since the beginning of the year, the Ethiopians

country's widespread image as a Soviet satellite," said a Third World envoy. "They want to pursue a more balanced foreign policy after being pushed far to one side."

Ethiopia won the war against Somalia after the Soviet Union, switching sides, established a huge airlift and dispatched military advisers. An estimated 15,000 Cuban combat troops were rushed to Ethiopia to fight the Somali forces.

The Ethiopian-Soviet alliance was formalized with a treaty of friendship and cooperation in 1979, a year after largescale fighting ended. Today, about 2,000 Soviet advisers and 12,000 Cuban troops still remain in the country. "But the honeymoon with the Kremlin is over," said a military attache, echoing an assessment shared by many diplomats in the Ethiopian capital. "The normal problems of a marriage have begun, complete with occasional friction and disagreements." Diplomats here rate low the prospects of a divorce, or yet another reversal soon

able agricultural and mineral potential.

Somalia, in contrast, is a largely nomadic land of only 3.5 million people. Its geo-political importance rests in a coastline which sweeps from the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean.

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The United States is still the biggest buyer of coffee, Ethiopia's only cash crop and major source of foreign currency. Ethiopian airlines last year bought two Boeing 727 airliners in a deal requiring export guarantee from the U.S. administration. And through most of 1980, the U.S. Mobil Oil Corporation supplied all oil for the Ethiopian refinery at the Red Sea port of Assab.

Fragmatism is not restricted to economics: during the visit here of Mr. Stirn, according to diplomatic sources, Col. Mengistu accepted the continued presence in Djibouti of some 3,500 French troops.

The Red Sea port of Djibouti, a former French colony wedges between Ethiopia and its Somali arch-enemies, handles about two-thirds of Ethiopia's trade and the presence of French soldiers in the territory is seen here as an assurance against Somali attempts to cut the vital link.

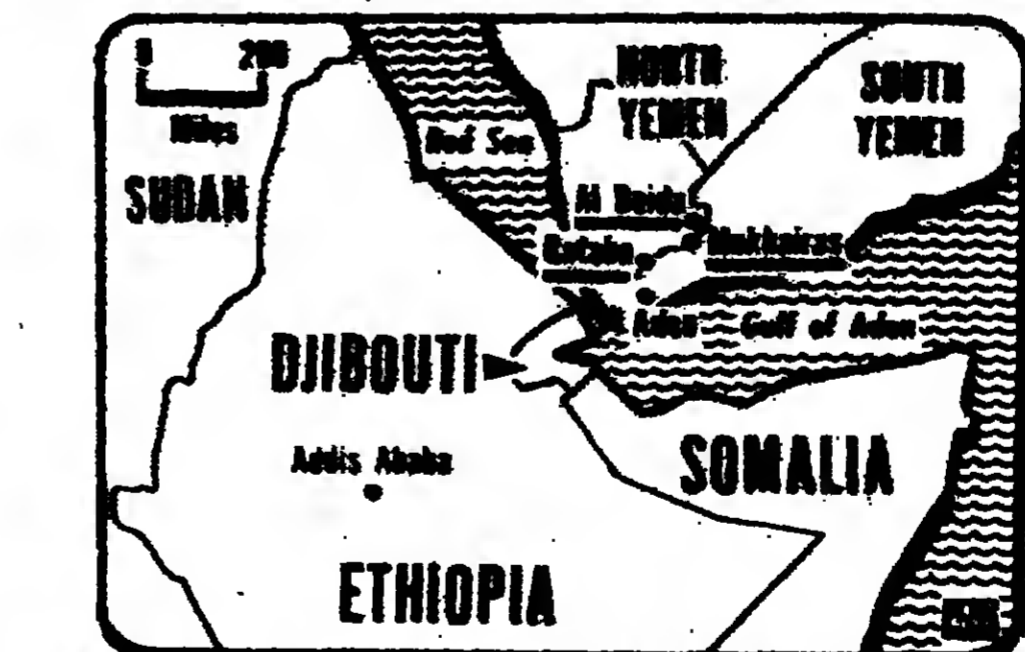
According to East European sources, Moscow is beginning to view Col. Mengistu as more of a nationalist than a "scientific socialist" obedient to the wishes of the Soviet Union. The sources said that view was reinforced when the Ethiopian leader turned down three separate requests for permanent naval facilities at the Red Sea port of Massawa. The Russians wanted to add Massawa to their facilities on Ethiopia's Dahlak Islands which replaced a Soviet base in the Somali port of Berbera — from which the Soviets were expelled in 1977 as the superpowers played out their game of musical chairs in the Horn of Africa.

Diplomats here say the Russians have also been dissatisfied with the slow pace in establishing a Communist party on Moscow lines. But Kremlin pressure so far produced only the "commission for organizing the Party of the Working People of Ethiopia" (COPWE). No deadline has been set for the completion of its task. Apparently to signify displeasure with their Ethiopian allies, the Soviet Union is said to have turned down a request for a long-term agreement on oil deliveries at preferential rates.

Instead, they agreed during a visit to Moscow by Col. Mengistu last October to meet Ethiopia's oil needs at rates below those charged by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) — but only for nine months. The accord expires in the autumn.

And with the Ethiopian army now exclusively equipped by the Soviet Union and dependent on Soviet spares, Moscow has obvious means of exerting pressure. But big power influence has limits in an ancient country with a long history of resisting foreign interference. "Don't forget that ours was the only country which survived the 19th century colonial scramble for Africa with its independence intact," said a teacher at Addis Ababa University.

Not far from the university, similar sentiments were reflected by a small hand-written post-script on one of the scores of posters proclaiming that imperialism will perish and socialism will triumph. "Whose socialism, ours or theirs?" the poster asked. (R)



have played host to a number of western and pro-western leaders, including Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, President Hassan Gouled of Djibouti, and Olivier Stirn, secretary of state for foreign affairs in the then French government of Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

They were followed by lower-level delegations from the World Bank and the European Community, while Lt. Col. Fisseha Desta, number two in the ruling military council, toured Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium.

"These western visitors were the first high-level officials to come here since the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974," said a western diplomat. "They are signs of changing attitude."

So are more liberal visa regulations aimed at drawing western tourists to a country whose attractions range from ancient rock churches to unspoilt game parks rivaling those of most other African states. And after years of ignoring the issue, the government has now begun dealing with compensation claims from the more than 200 foreign firms which were nationalized when young left-wing officers overthrew Haile Selassie and ended centuries of feudal rule in September 1974. Diplomatic analysts say the Marxist leadership realizes it needs the West to implement ambitious development program designed to turn Ethiopia from one of the world's 10 poorest countries to a viable economic entity.

But there is a second reason for the gestures to the West. "The Ethiopians are unhappy with their

## SEALING OFF FRONTS

Reports from Mexico, where foreign ministers from several countries have met to prepare for the forthcoming North-South summit, indicate that the ministers from the United States, France and West Germany took time to consider the question of Lebanon.

The solution they want, it appears, consists, among other things, of supporting the authority of the central government financially and militarily as well as extending the area under the control of the U.N. forces in the South. On the other hand, pressure is to be applied against such countries as the Soviet Union, Syria and Libya to stem the flow of arms from them to the PLO in Lebanon.

The source for these reports is "a State Department official", and it is significant that the "official" spoke just as Israel, Egypt and the U.S. signed the agreement on the composition of the Multi National Force which is to be stationed in Sinai. Fully half of the force, it was agreed, will be provided by America.

That the two developments are linked is attested to by no less authority than that of Ashraf Ghorbal Egypt's ambassador in Washington, who explicitly saw the signing of the agreement and the ten-day old ceasefire as two faces of the same coin.

That means that what has been happening in Lebanon was a means to a prescribed end, which is to place a heavy military cordon between south Lebanon and Israel, just as Egypt and Israel are similarly separated. In this way, the two most vital Arab fronts against the enemy would be sealed off.

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Al Medina* Wednesday reported that consultations are going on inside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to consider the volume of support for a proposal to convene an extraordinary meeting of the organization to discuss the "sinking" of the world oil market. *Okaz* gave lead coverage to reports from informed sources in Beirut that PLO Chief Yasser Arafat will discuss military and political moves with the Palestinian leaderships to cope with future situations. Meanwhile, *Al Nadwa* led with Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's announcement that his country is ready to grant political asylum to Iran's ousted President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr.

Newspapers frontpaged French President Francois Mitterand's visit to the Kingdom in September, and further highlighted Iran's reported warning to France against sheltering the opponents to the present regime in Iran. They also gave prominence to Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's current tour of Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil at the invitation of the foreign ministers of those countries. *Okaz* gave front-page coverage to a Reuters report that the Israeli ambassador in Washington has complained to Secretary of State Alexander Haig that Saudi Arabia has supplied more arms to the PLO during the ceasefire in Lebanon.

*Al Medina* frontpaged Pakistani labor minister's praise of "excellent relations" between his country and the Kingdom. The tense situation in Poland found front-page coverage in *Al Nadwa* while *Okaz* reported in a page one story that the communist coup in Gambia has been crushed.

Newspaper editorials mostly concentrated on the foreign minister's trip to the Latin American countries. *Al*

*Medina* observed in an editorial that the visit takes place in the wake of Saudi Arabia's diplomatic efforts which successfully brought about a ceasefire in Lebanon. It said that the Kingdom occupies a prominent position among the emerging nations which pin great hopes on this country, after it embarked on protracted negotiations with the industrialized nations for the economic welfare of the poorer countries. The paper hoped that Prince Saud's visit to Latin America will achieve further political gains in favor of the Arab causes.

Commenting on the same subject, *Okaz* noted that the tour is of great significance in view of the fact that Israel holds a strong ground in Latin American countries despite the presence of large Arab communities in those countries. The paper expressed confidence that this move will help to isolate Israel internationally, and will further consolidate the Kingdom's relations with the Latin American countries in political, economic, cultural and social fields. It emphasized the development of cultural relations in view of the large number of Arab emigrants who can successfully create an Arab lobby both in Latin America and the United States.

Meanwhile, *Al Nadwa* dwelt on the Lebanese situation and Lebanon's call for an urgent Arab summit conference to discuss the Israeli assaults on its territory. It said that so many conferences have been held, issuing resolutions and condemning Israel for its wanton aggression but without taking any positive action at the Arab level. The paper supported Lebanon's right to call for a meeting to discuss its problems that surfaced in the absence of Arab unity and solidarity, but insisted on an Arab and Islamic awakening capable of withstanding the situations and circumstances with a big measure of responsibility and sacrifice.

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# Calligraphy artistry, variety presented during London show

By Rosalind Wade

LONDON — A three-man exhibition of Arabic calligraphy has opened here at the Iraqi Cultural Center on Tottenham Court Road and will continue through Aug. 29. The exhibition displays 41 calligraphic mounts, most executed on paper or parchment and one exceptional example on skin. Paper was introduced to the Arabian Peninsula from China during the second century A.H./ninth century A.D.

The artists are all Iraqis, in their middle to late forties, from diverse backgrounds. They are Muhammad Said al-Saggar, Ghani Alani and Yousuf Dhanoon. All have exhibited extensively and are prominent Iraqi calligraphers.

The bright lights and hustle of the Tottenham Court Road do not encroach them-

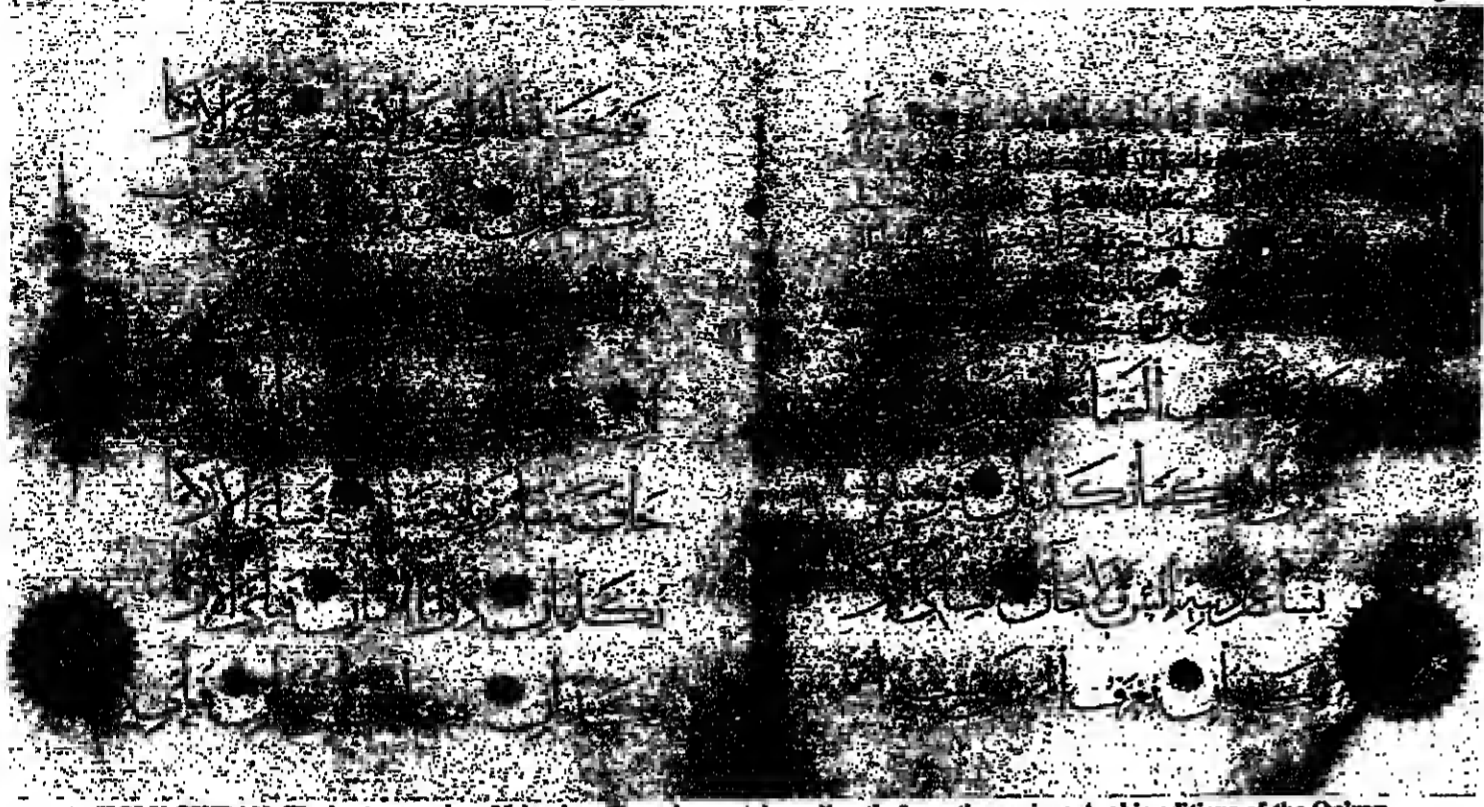
selves to such a serious exhibition, but nevertheless it should not be missed, it is of enormous interest. It is encouraging to see that the art of illuminating manuscripts and the knowledge of Arab calligraphy is an active art and evidently being encouraged and supported.

The artistry and variety of scripts displayed is magnificent. The well-designed catalogue outlines the refined art and science of calligraphy and cites numerous early commentators who specified and recorded the rules of calligraphy. Enormous importance was attached to a fine hand — Waki Abdullah bin Tahir (died 884 A.D.) is said to have rejected a petition submitted to him because of failure to write in a beautiful hand and on another occasion is alleged to have said "Fine calligraphy augments the clarity of the truth".

The exhibition outlines that the importance of the Arabic script is fundamentally a religious one, because the Prophet's book and sayings were recorded and transmitted in it. However much harmony and light and shade are used in the forming of these letter forms, they still mean something and carry a written message as well as artistic one. This is a point frequently overlooked by western art historians and architects who can appreciate the form but not the written meaning.

The exhibition shows the diversity of the script forms and its versatility; how words can be transformed into shapes or highly stylized angular arches.

Recent archaeological discoveries in the Peninsula of decorated murals, exhibit the human form dating to the Jahiliya (pre-Islam) period show a high degree of artistic achievement hitherto barely acknowledged.



HOLY QU'AN: The best examples of Islamic calligraphy are taken directly from the various Arabic editions of the Qu'ran

### Book Review:

## Prince Hassan studies self-determination; main question is area's juridical status

By Anne Whitehouse  
London Bureau

*Palestinian Self-Determination. A study of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, by Hassan Bin Talal, Crown Prince of Jordan. Published by Quarter Books £6.95 July 1981.*

In discussions of the Palestinian problem, and how to solve it a significant factor is often overlooked: the juridical status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. From 1923 when Turkey renounced its rights to Palestine in the Treaty of Lausanne, sovereignty over the territory went into abeyance with the start of the mandate. Apologists for Israel argue that territorial sovereignty over the areas east of the Israeli-Jordanian 1949 armistice line and the Gaza Strip was never reinstated when the mandate came to an end, either as a result of the 1947 U.N. Partition Plan or the 1950 "union" between Jordan and the West Bank.

Now Israel uses this argument to justify its own military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But what is the real status of these vitally important areas according to international law?

A new study of the West Bank and Gaza Strip sets out to answer this question by a scholarly examination of both the historical background to the problem and the legal precedents for territorial sovereignty elsewhere in the world. What makes this particular work remarkable is that it is written by one of the main protagonists in the conflict — the crown prince of Jordan, Hassan bin Talal. And his purpose is not as one might have been the case, to assert Jordanian rights to the territorial sovereignty of the West Bank, but to argue the case for Palestinian self-determination,

even a Palestinian state, in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In May 1948 when the mandate was terminated, no assertion of Arab statehood within Palestine was made. But the absence of territorial sovereignty over the territory did not mean it was *terra nullius* in international law. Under the "Partition Plan" that formed a part of U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 in November 1947, two states, with defined areas, one Jewish and one Arab, were to come into existence in Palestine. The Jews accepted the plan and went on to declare the existence of the state of Israel on May 14, 1948.

But while Israel accepted those parts of the U.N. partition plan that were favorable to its statehood, it disregarded the rest, according to the prince.

### British-Jordanian Treaty

In 1946, two years before the termination of the mandate, the British government concluded a Treaty of Alliance with Jordan whereby the U.K. recognized Jordan as a fully independent and sovereign state. There can be no question at this stage that Jordan had left the mandate. And it was four years later, in 1950, following the armed conflict of 1948-49, that senators and deputies from both banks of the Jordan at the new Jordanian Assembly adopted a unanimous declaration of the "union" of the territory and populations of the two banks of the Jordan and their fusion into one independent Arab state, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

"It is therefore erroneous for Israeli apologists to claim that the Arab state,

envisioned in the Partition Plan of 1947, had already emerged in Palestine by that date and that there was no need for another," argues the prince.

### Jerusalem Excluded

While he rejects Israeli claims that Jordan was a "mere belligerent occupant" of the West Bank, between 1950 and 1967 with no



Crown Prince Hassan

legal entitlement to be there, Crown Prince Hassan also points out that the Constitutional Union of Jordan, the West Bank and the Old City went virtually unrecognized outside Jordan. Only the British and Pakistani governments formally accepted the "union" and the U.K. expressly excepted Jerusalem and its environs from its recognition, following the General Assembly Resolution that these areas were "international."

"Whatever the precise legal effects of the Israeli-Jordanian Armistice of February 1949, Jordan exercised effective and exclu-

sive *de facto* governmental authority in the West Bank from 1950 to 1967," says the Prince.

According to a U.N. Declaration on Principles of International Law 1970.

"... All peoples have the right freely to determine without external interference, their political status... The establishment of a sovereign and independent state, the free association or integration with an independent state or the emergence into any other political status freely determined by a people constitutes modes of implementing the right of self-determination by that people."

The prince concludes: "The truth of the matter is that the modern right of self-determination of peoples cannot be accommodated with the right of a belligerent occupant for a protracted period after the cessation of hostilities. One or other has to give way. Thus Israeli claims that they had decolonized the West Bank and Gaza territories, formerly subject to the mandate, is no answer in law to the modern right of self-determination of peoples."

But in the unique case of the West Bank and Gaza Strip the law will require a high price. "The Arabs, for their part will ultimately have to recognize that the presence in the Near East of (a non-expansionist) Jewish State of Israel is a permanency and that heifer relations with that state will have to cease," he argues.

Although the reality of the crown prince's answer seems as far off as ever, the publication of his important views and scholarly legal analysis is a welcome step along the road to an understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

and enroll her son, who was travelling with her, in the Royal Naval Officers Training College in England. Naval Officers Training College in England. She and her son came to the United States to vacation with her daughter, who was working in New York City for the British Counsel-General. "Rather than return to Australia, my daughter persuaded me to stay and spend time with her," Margaret recalls. She intended to stay in the United States for six months and decided to get a job. The Vice-counsel of the New Zealand Consulate new of an opening at the Saudi Arabian Educational Mission.

When Margaret Henderson joined the mission staff, then based in New York City, everything was small. The office was small, the staff was small and they all had to do a little bit of everything. There were only 285 students.

Since Margaret has been with the Mission they have moved four times. They moved to

their Houston location in 1975 and have moved three times after that as they steadily outgrew their offices. In the expansion process, the mission's staff has grown to include over 300 people and the program has increased to more than 14,000 students.

Margaret feels very close to the students who have passed through the mission over the years. Many of her former students are now running the country and have assumed important posts in education and government in the Kingdom. She has come to feel that many of the Saudi students are her "adopted sons" and she's a "grandmother to a lot of families." Many of them fondly refer to her as "the mission's Margaret Thatcher."

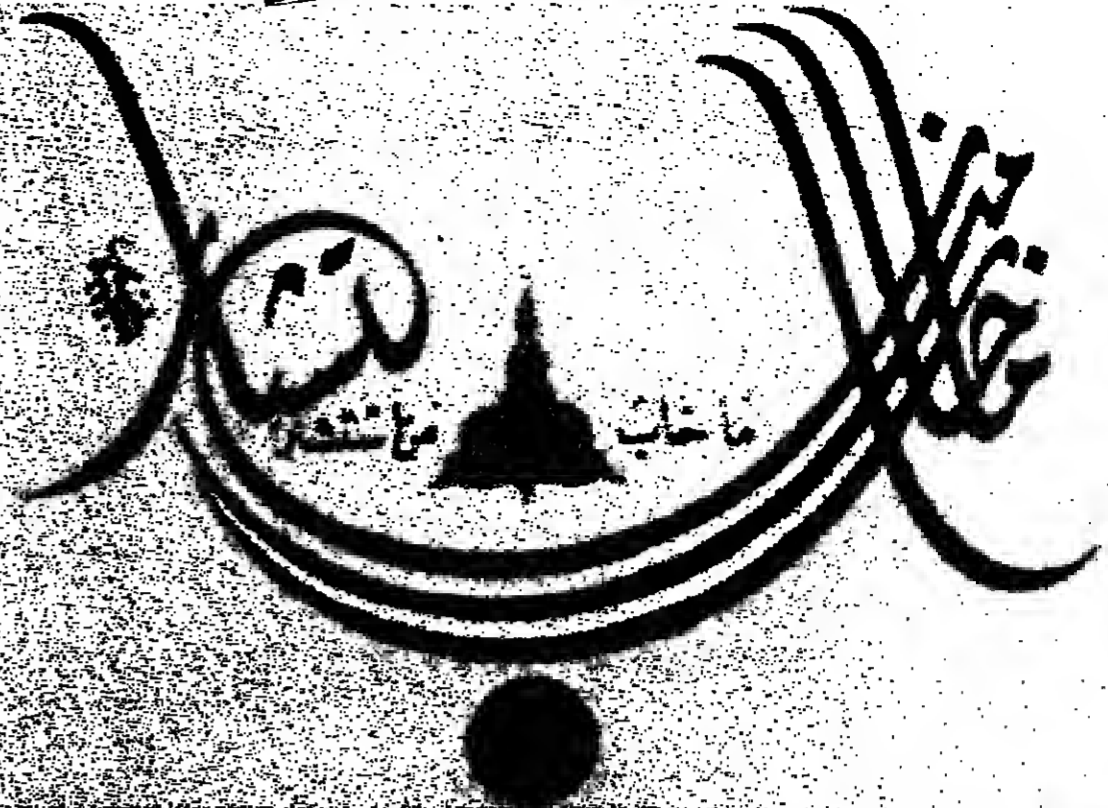
For many of the Saudi students, their first contact in the U.S. is with the mission and they stay in very close contact. The Saudis are a family-oriented people, according to Margaret, and "I think with Saudi people it's necessary for a personal touch," she said, which really makes her feel as if she is

needed. It has been very exciting for Margaret, growing with the Mission. "To me, it's like making history. I feel very honored to be part of the whole thing. I feel very honored when the students come back to say hello and I feel like it's one of my sons coming home."

"And it's particularly gratifying when one of the students graduates with his doctorate degree. It's a whole different thing because somebody receiving his Ph. D. will be a key figure in his field and make necessary contributions to the Saudi Arabian scene generally. And it's nice feeling knowing that you contributed to his well-being."

Mrs. Henderson originally agreed to work for the mission for six months and she's still here. "I feel they needed me," she says. "They needed someone devoted." She talks of retirement, but doesn't know when she'll ever get around to it. "The mission's not all fixed up," she says with her infectious smile and twinkling eyes. "There's quite a bit still to do."

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CHARACTER COMPOSITION: One of the calligraphic works on display a Q'ranic verse from Thukth Jali, M. Saggar.

## French nuclear decision disputed; environmentalists feel 'betrayed'

By Paul Webster

PARIS (G) — Environmental organizations here are angry that the French government's decision to cut the nuclear power program by a quarter also confirmed the expansion of La Hague atomic waste recycling plant.

Already disappointed that only five of the 20 nuclear stations either in service or being built have been stopped, ecologist movements comments ranged from "deceit" to "betrayal" as the consequences of the cabinet discussion were analyzed.

The cutback falls short of proposals during the election campaign when as many as 14 nuclear sites were under threat while La Hague's future was in doubt. La Hague, a symbol of the anti-nuclear campaign, will in fact be doubled in size to cope with nuclear waste from other countries in Europe and Japan.

The energy ministry is defending the socialist administration's decision by saying that the government is bound to honor contracts undertaken by the former right wing government.

Surprisingly, too the cutback will have no real effect on France's power output as the state electricity authority, the EDF, says that the remaining atomic plants will still produce half of France's electricity by 1985 as planned in the original Gaullist program drawn up in 1973.

Former president Giscard often quoted this figure comparing it to the equivalent energy value of Britain's North Sea oil.

The government plan will be discussed by parliament in October during an energy debate in which plans to use alternative resources, such as coal and solar power, will

be outlined. But it is likely to be a stormy debate as both the opposition and the communist party were in favor of nuclear power.

Communist trade unions, supported by the autonomous Force Ouvriere, the third biggest federation, oppose the cuts which they say will have serious effects on employment. Communist provincial federations have also condemned the measures despite the fact that four communist ministers in the cabinet shared the decision.

The parliamentary debate also has to make it clear whether the cabinet decision means that no more nuclear power stations will be built as the state electricity company has another 10 sites planned that were not discussed by the cabinet. These could still be authorized after local or national referendums.

## Labor is short in Mongolia; more children to fill gap

By Michael Parks  
Last in Series

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia (LAT) — With a population of only 1.7 million in an area nearly the size of western Europe, Mongolia is terribly short of people. While the rest of Asia tries to limit population growth, the government here is encouraging Mongols to have more babies.

"We need people, manpower badly," said Baldangyn Hemmedel, vice president of the Mongolian Women's committee. "No woman is told how many children she should have, but she gets extensive state support to have as many as she and her husband want."

With the fourth child, there are progressively large state subsidies, at first the equivalent of a month's pay, each year. By the time that she has had nine or 10 children, a mother is paid as much as if she had a full-time factory job.

If she has had five children, a woman may retire from work at age 50 on full pay. Maternity leave is a generous six months, nurseries and all-day kindergartens get top priority in construction and mothers of five or more children get paid vacations at government rest homes.

### Population Growing

As a result, Mongolia's population is growing at an estimated 3 percent a year, a rate that would bring it to more than 2 million in 1987 and more than 3 million by the end of the century. More than half of the people are under 20.

"We have no plan for population increase, but we would like to see our population between 2 million and 3 million by the year 2000," a senior government economist said. "This fits in with our need for a larger labor force and with our ability to feed, educate, house and employ these people."

"We don't consider that we are actively stimulating population growth, but we are making sure that a couple is not penalized economically or in other ways for having six or seven or eight children if they wish."

And many Mongols do want large families. Last year, more than 7,400 women were awarded the order of motherhood glory for having five children or more, and the average family size is growing, according to government statistics.

A common scene around the new neighborhoods of Ulan Bator or the country's development towns is dozen or so children, all under 6, playing while three or four mothers, all pregnant, chat. Factories with large numbers of women workers find they have to augment their staffs by 20 percent to 25 percent to cover maternity leaves.

A city official in Darhan, a new industrial center, complained, "these women have babies faster than we can build nurseries for them."

The highest birth rates, up to 45 and 48 per 1,000 people, are in outlying rural areas among the semi-nomadic herdsmen of the steppes. Many women there have a baby

every 1 1/2 years, encouraged by the government payments and by the extensive pre- and post-natal care. Families of eight to 10 children are considered average and families of 20 children are not unusual, according to the herdsmen and their wives.

"We have two conflicting trends in our population development right now," a young woman educator here said "the first is urbanization, which naturally tends to reduce families. The other is the boarding school system, which takes herdsmen children from home at the age of 8, thus encouraging the mother to have another child for each of those who leave."

This brings some critics from Mongolian feminists. "We use the nomads to breed cattle, horses, camels, sheep and children," one woman intellectual said. "To some people here a woman "arat" (nomad) is just another brood mare."

Mongolian officials are very sensitive to such criticism.

Not Government Programs "There are no programs to raise the birth rate, no plans to encourage women to have more children than they want and can care for," Hemmedel, the women's committee vice president, said. "These are personal decisions. What the state does is support a couple's decision to have as many or as few children as they want."

Government planners see a rapid growth of the industrial work force, 46 percent in the five years, coming from this baby boom to man the new factories that are being built.

Mongolia's severe shortage of trained labor means that about 50,000 Soviet and east European specialists are working here, helping staff the new plants and construct others.

"We Mongols are not so few, in fact, and if we could reunite all those who now live in Inner Mongolia (a Chinese province), in the Soviet union and in Afghanistan, we would be a nation of more than 6 million, a young woman government official remarked. "And then we would not need all these foreigners to help us build our country."

More Mongols do, in fact, live in China, an estimated 3 million, than in Mongolia proper, and other large concentrations can be found as far away as the Lower Volga River in the Soviet Union, where they settled after the wars of Genghis Khan.

"We don't want that land — we have enough — but send our people back," the young woman said.

Mongolia is so sparsely populated that the average population density, according to government figures, is 0.4 people per square mile, and in the southern Gobi desert a family of eight would have more than 100 square miles to itself.

No one expects to populate the Gobi, but there is concern about the country's ability to staff the many new factories planned under its industrialization program and, over the longer term, to ensure the continuation of the Mongolian nation.

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# Purcell moves ahead

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug. 5 (AP) — Fifth-seeded Mel Purcell of the United States, runner-up to Argentina's Jose Luis Clerc a year ago, won a first-round match in the U.S. Clay Court Tennis Tournament Tuesday when a shaking Pavel Slozil retired in the oppressive heat and humidity at the Indianapolis Sports Center.

Purcell, a surprise finalist here in his first season as a professional last year, was leading 5-0 in the first set when his Czechoslovakian opponent retired. The victory advanced Purcell to a second-round showdown against three-time U.S. Clay Court champion Manuel Orantes of Spain.

In other first-round matches Tuesday, No. 4-seed Harold Solomon of the United States easily beat Marco Ostojic of Yugoslavia, 6-1, 6-1, but No. 8 Eddie Dibbs (U.S.) was upset by unseeded Australian Chris Lewis.

In women's second-round matches, No. 2-seed Virginia Ruzici of Romania beat Brazil's Patricia Medrado, 6-3, 6-4; third-seeded Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia beat Jeanne Duval 6-2, 6-4; and No. 4 Regina Marsikova of Czechoslovakia downed Kathleen Cummings (U.S.) 6-2, 6-1.

Also, No. 6 Sue Barker of England ousted Yvona Brzakova of Czechoslovakia, 6-4, 6-1; No. 7 Joann Russell rallied past Kathrin Keil, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; eighth-seeded Anne Smith beat Kim Steinmetz, 6-1, 6-3; No. 13 Pam Casale cruised past Barbara Jordan 6-0, 6-2; and No. 14 Kathy Rinaldi beat Elise Burgin, 6-2, 6-2.

Susan Mascarin ousted No. 9-seeded Mary Lou Piatek, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1; Renee Richards stopped No. 11 Anne White 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 (all of the U.S.) and Hana Strachonova of Czechoslovakia upset No. 12-seeded Kathleen Horvath (U.S.) 6-2, 6-1.

In the men's doubles, Kevin Curren, South Africa, and Steve Denton, U.S., defeated Greg Amaya, U.S. and Mike Oransky U.S., 6-1, 7-5; Stanislav Birner, Czechoslovakia, and Beejong Sison, Philippines, defeated Avaro Fillo, Chile, and Jose Lopez-Maeso, Spain, 6-2, 6-3; Mel Purcell and Tracy Delatte, U.S., beat Manuel Orantes, Spain, and Jose Higueras, Spain, 6-3, 6-2; John Alexander, Australia, and Jonathan Smith, England, beat Jim Gurfein and John Hayes, U.S., 7-5, 7-6.

Results:  
Men's singles (first round): Jose-Luis Clerc, Argentina, beat Sherwood Stewart, U.S. 6-4, 6-4; Andres Gomes, Ecuador, beat Mario Martinez, Bolivia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; Ivan Lendl, Czechoslovakia, beat Rick Fagel, U.S. 6-2, 6-1; Heinz Gunthardt, Switzerland, beat Charles Strode, U.S., 7-6, 6-0.

# Cook bowls Leicester to exciting three-run victory

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Nick Cook stunned Schweppes Championship hopefuls Sussex by taking seven wickets for 81 to give Leicestershire a three-run victory off the last ball of the match at Grace Road.

The 25-year-old left-armed's career-best performance turned the tables on Sussex, who looked like winning as long as Gehan Mendis was at the crease.

Opener Mendis notched a superb 137, his highest score of the season, but was stumped by Michael Garnham in Cook's last over.



Gehan Mendis, fine knock in vain

## Rodriguez shocked

BANGALORE, India Aug. 5 (AP) — Reuben Rodriguez of the Philippines was upset Tuesday by Indian Pravin Thipsay while Asian champion Raja Ravisekar, also of India, beat Vitaly Dydyshko of the Soviet Union at the International Chess Congress here.

In a queen's Indian opening in the ninth round, Dydyshko botched his middle game when, troubled by time, he made 12 moves in two minutes. Thipsay and Rodriguez played 41 moves in Slav Defense before the Filipino was forced to resign.

In another ninth round game, top-ranked Russian Gennady Zmin, in a Sicilian Defense-Fischer line, played inconclusively with grandmaster Hans Ree of the Netherlands. The game will be resumed Wednesday.

The encounter between Indonesian champion Edhi Handoko and Filipino grandmaster Rosendo Balinas also was adjourned for Wednesday.

Last man Geoff Arnold needed to hit a four off Cook's final delivery, but he was bowled going for an all or nothing shot and Sussex were all out for 260.

Spinners David Acfield and Ray East shared eight wickets as Essex thrashed Derbyshire by an innings and 60 at Chelmsford to move into second place.

Acfield and East had identical returns of four for 56, bowling nearly 75 overs between them to dismiss Derbyshire for 143. Derbyshire began at 13 for two, needing 190 to make Essex bat again, but a resolute 36 by Alan Hill was their only resistance.

Hampshire's title hopes were rocked by Derek Underwood, who collected nine wickets in the match to help Kent to a 181 run success at Canterbury.

But Kent hero was Graham Johnson, who took six for 33 as Hampshire were bowled out for 122. Underwood took four for 58 to bring his Canterbury week haul to 21 wickets.

Phil Oliver, playing only his second match of the season, hit a career-best 171 not out to inspire Warwickshire to a thrilling one-wicket victory at Northampton. Oliver cracked seven sixes and 20 fours in his 196-minute stay sharing stands of 88 with Asif Din, 68 with Anton Ferreira and 77 with Willie Hogg.

Northamptonshire had declared at 342 for six, with Wayne Larkins making 130. This left Hampshire to make 365 in 315 minutes and they got there for their second championship win of the season to pull themselves off the bottom of the table.

Colin Dredge took a career-best six for 43 to bowl Somerset to a convincing 167-run victory against Yorkshire at Sheffield. Yorkshire, set a target of 353 runs in 310 minutes, were shot out for 185, despite a fourth-wicket stand of 102 between David Birstow (70), and Jimmy Love (51).

Earlier, Vic Marks and Nigel Popplewell both completed half centuries as Somerset extended their score to 349 for six declared.

## Over fancied Sussex

Worcestershire's last five wickets went down for 70 runs on the much-maligned Old Trafford pitch to give Lancashire victory by an innings and 45 runs.

David Hughes was the pick of the Lancashire slow bowlers who made the most of the conditions. He finished with four for 40 as Worcestershire were dismissed for 175.

Brief scores:  
Old Trafford: Lancashire 358 for eight dec. (C.H. Lloyd 97, B.W. Reidy 70 not out, G. Fowler 66; D.N. Patel five for 118). Worcestershire 138 (J. Simmons four for 21) and 175 (D.P. Hughes four for 40). Lancashire (23 pts) beat Worcestershire (2 pts) by an innings and 45 runs.

Chelmsford: Essex 296 (B.R. Hardie 95, K.S. McEwan 64). Derbyshire 93 (D.L. Acfield four for 21) and 143 (Acfield four for 56, R.E. East four for 56) Essex (23 pts) beat Derbyshire (3 pts) by an innings and 60 runs.

Sheffield: Somerset 183 (P. M. Rosebuck 50, S. J. Dennis five for 35) and 349 for six dec. (I. V. A. Richards 153, V.J. Marks 58, N.F.M. Popplewell 51 not out). Yorkshire 180 (H.R. Moseley four for 44) and 185 (D.L. Birstow 70, J.B. Love 51, C.H. Dredge six for 43). Somerset (21 pts) beat Yorkshire (5 pts) by 167 runs.

Canterbury: Kent 315 (Asif Iqbal 73, R.M. Ellison 55 not out, C.S. Cowdrey 53, D.I. Underwood 50; T.E. Jessy five for 53) and 205 for seven dec. Hampshire 217 (M.C.J. Nichopas 88; Underwood five for 72) and 122 (G.W. Johnson six for 33; Underwood four for 58). Kent (14 pts) beat Hampshire (5 pts) by 181 runs.

Northampton: Northamptonshire 223 (A.J. Lamb 79; W. Hogg four for 46) and 342 for six dec. (W. Larkin 130, Lamb 88, R.G. Williams 64, W. Hogg four for 65, Warwickshire 210 (A.M. Ferreira 67; B.J. Griffiths four for 64) and 365 for nine (P. R. Oliver 171 not out; Sarfraz Nawaz six for 84). Warwickshire (22 pts) beat Northamptonshire (6 pts) by one-wkt.

Lord's: Middlesex 302 for three dec. (K.P. Tomlins 77 not out, W. N. Slack 74, C.T. Radley 69 not out, G.D. Barlow 58) and 202 for four dec. (Slack 81). Gloucestershire 201 for one dec. (P. Bainbridge 105 not out, Sadiq Mohammad 78 not out) and 176 for six (B.C. Broad 51; P. H. Edmonds four for 43). Middlesex (4 pts) and Gloucestershire (3 pts) drew.

Leicester: Leicestershire 358 for eight dec. (N.E. Briers 116, J. F. Steele 97, G.S. Le Roux five for 83) and 155 for three dec. Sussex 250 for seven dec. (J.R. Barclay 101) and 260 (G.E. Mendis 137, N.G. Cook seven for 81). Leicestershire (22 pts) beat Sussex (4 pts) by 3 runs.

Reading: Minor Counties 234 (P.D. Johnson 66). Sri Lanka 61 for one.

## West Indies call off tour by N.Zealand

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Aug. 5 (R) — The West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) announced Tuesday that it had withdrawn an invitation to New Zealand to tour the Caribbean next year because of the South African Rugby Union team's current visit to New Zealand.

Instead, the WICBC has asked Pakistan to undertake the Caribbean tour, from February to April next year.

Harold Burnett, secretary of the Board, said in a statement: "Certain governments of West Indian territories have indicated to the Board that the New Zealand team would not be welcome."

Antigua, Jamaica and Guyana have publicly indicated their opposition to the New Zealand cricket tour.

# U.S. athletic programs gaining pace

SYRACUSE, New York Aug. 5 (AP) — The wounds inflicted by the U.S. team's boycott of the 1980 Olympics were severe, but U.S. Olympic committee officials said recently their athletic programs, as well as their budget, are as healthy as ever and getting stronger.

Col. F. Don Miller, executive director of the USOC, said his organization projects a budget of \$71.2 million for the current four-year period, which concludes with the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. The figure compares with the \$55.5 million total for the previous quadrennium, which was increased from \$26 million by construction of Olympic training sites around the country.

In the first six months of the current period, Miller said, the USOC has secured pledges for more than one third of the total from corporate sponsors and anticipated television contracts. That puts the USOC ahead of its own projections, he said.

But it was only a year and a half ago that the USOC faced a \$19 million deficit. In January 1980, even before the USOC acquired in the Carter administration plan to boycott the Moscow Games, contributions to the American Olympic effort dried up.

"I still find the word boycott a little offensive," Miller said, shuddering. "It sends chills down me."

Ironically, in a year when a major issue in Olympic circles was the intrusion of politics, relief came from the government.

A deficit surely would have resulted had congress not authorized what it called disaster relief legislation providing matching funds of \$1 for every \$2 the USOC raised. The total government contribution came to \$10 million.

The government grant was a one-shot deal, and Miller and USOC president William Simon reiterated their commitment to supporting the American Olympic movement entirely through private enterprise and private donations.

"I don't know of anything the government does that can't be done better in the private sector," said Simon, who has an insider's view of the government. He was secretary of the treasury in the Nixon administration. This is his first year as USOC president.

## England keeps top position

TORONTO, Canada Aug. 5 (AP) — England, Hong Kong, Ireland and Zimbabwe continued to hold first place in singles competition at the Women's World Lawn Bowling Championship after the eighth and ninth rounds Tuesday.

The leading teams all have 7-2 records in the round-robin competition, with Scotland at 6-3. Canada, the United States, Fiji, Wales and Zambia all had 5-4 records.

In fours, Hong Kong and Zimbabwe lead the standing with 7-2 records, while England was at 6-3. Canada had a 4-5 record.

Dorothy Randle of Canada heat Dot Foley of Guernsey 21-18 in eight-round singles play Tuesday. However, in the ninth round, Helen Wong of Hong Kong heat Randle 21-16.

In other eighth-round singles games, Norma Shaw of England beat Flo Kennedy of Zimbabwe 21-18, Eileen Bell of Ireland downed Mavis Meadowcroft of Australia 21-8, Esther Clark of Scotland downed Dina Byman of Jersey 21-18, Peggy Chalmers of Malawi edged Marg Pomeroy of Wales 21-18, Margaret Mitchell of Papua-New Guinea whipped Elsie Wilkie of New Zealand 21-8 and Sue Hulley of Swaziland downed Sylvia Keeling of Zambia 21-12.

Wales beat Scotland 21-4 in another ninth-round match. In other matches, Malawi downed Jersey 21-19, England beat the U.S. 21-19, Papua-New Guinea defeated Zambia 21-10. Zimbabwe shaded Guernsey 21-17, Swaziland topped New Zealand 21-14 and Fiji nipped Australia 21-20.

Canada, skippered by Annette Tidd, lost 21-14 to Guernsey in an eight-round fours game. Later, Canada whipped Hong Kong 31-15.

Other eight-round results in fours: Wales 26, Malawi 18; Zambia 29, Swaziland 13; Ireland 22, Australia 17; Zimbabwe 19, England 12; Papua-New Guinea 19, New Zealand 18; Hong Kong 21, U.S. 19; and New Jersey 24, Scotland 22.

Malawi beat Jersey 24-16 in ninth-round play and England whipped the U.S. 35-13. Zambia downed Papua-New Guinea 24-18 in another fours match which Zimbabwe whipped Guernsey 26-10, Australia defeated Fiji 25-16, New Zealand beat Swaziland 24-23 and Scotland topped Wales 25-16.

# Holmes is real champion, Snipes says

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (AP) — Coetsee of South Africa, who twice fought unsuccessfully for the world heavyweight championship, arrived Tuesday at a press luncheon for his upcoming fight with Renaldo Snipes in the midst of an anti-apartheid demonstration.

The demonstrators' about two dozen of them, were members of a group called "stop the apartheid rugby tour," formed to oppose the planned visit to the United States next month by the Springboks, a South African rugby team.

After the luncheon, Coetsee fielded questions about his position on apartheid — the segregation of blacks and whites practiced in south Africa. "The color of a man's skin never had anything to do with a person himself," said Coetsee, who is white.

"I have adopted a black child," he said. "He walked away from his mother, and his father was dead. I'm teaching him boxing now. But it wouldn't have mattered whether his skin was white, black or brown. I still would have taken him in."

"Let me rephrase the question," one interviewer said. "Do you or do you not condemn apartheid?" "I'm not against my country," Coetsee replied. "I was born there. I don't think any American coming to my country would be a true American if he would condemn his country. My government is trying to solve their problems."

Coetsee, 25 years old and with a record of 24-2 including 13 knockouts, was soft-spoken and calm throughout the questioning, which eventually turned toward his fight Sunday at the New Westchester Theatre in Tarrytown, New York. The match against the unbeaten Snipes is crucial to his career.

Coetsee lost a 15-round decision to John Tate in Pretoria, South Africa on Oct. 20, 1979 to fill the vacant World Boxing Association crown. WBA champion Mike Weaver knocked him out in 13 rounds last October.

He said if he wins, the winner of a Gerry Cooney-Weaver title fight has promised him a third championship fight. Even if he loses, however, he will defend his South African heavyweight title in South Africa.

The 24-year-old Snipes, 21-0 with 11 Kos, would like a shot at World Boxing Council champion Larry Holmes. To me, he is the real champion, the people's champion," Snipes said of Holmes. "I don't say that out of disrespect for Mike Weaver, but Larry Holmes fought Weaver and beat him."

In his last fight May 17, Snipes decisioned then-light heavyweight champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, who had ballooned to more than 200 pounds for the fight. Coetsee fought last on March 8 when he pummeled out a 10-round decision over George Chaplin in Honolulu, his first fight in the United States.

Meanwhile, Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council's heavyweight champion, continued his criticism of would-be challenger Gerry Cooney Tuesday, saying he's getting no respect and is tired of it. "I'm the heavyweight champion of the world," Holmes said at a news conference in Cleveland.

## Demierre triumphs

PFORZHEIM, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Serge Demierre of Switzerland won the 212.2 kms second stage of the Tour de West Germany Cycle Race from Frankfurt to bare Tuedate. Theod Rooij of the Netherlands retained the overall lead.

Leading second stage placings: 1. Serge Demierre (Switzerland) 6:04:08, 2. Henry Rinklin (W. Germany) 6:04:13, 3. Alessandro Paganessi (Italy) 6:04:18-4, Alfons de Wolf (Belgium), 5. Jesus Suarez-Cueva (Spain).

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In North American Soccer

# Kevin Bond scores both for Sounders

SEATTLE, Washington, Aug. 5 (AP) — Kevin Bond scored two goals within three minutes in the second half to give the Seattle Sounders a 2-0 victory over the Calgary Boomers in the North American Soccer League Tuesday.

Bond got his first goal at 73:36 when he neatly headed a Steve Buttle flag-kick past Boomer goalkeeper Jurgen Stars. He got the next — his 15th goal of the season — at 76:50. The goal was his 10th penalty kick goal, an NASL record for most spot kick goals scored in a season.

The penalty kick resulted when Stars was penalized for kicking Seattle forward Roger Davies of England. Stars was also shown the yellow card.

Seattle's season record is 15-13, while the Boomers dropped to 15-14.

In another match, forward Robert Meschbach scored a pair of goals to lead the Fort Lauderdale Strikers to a 1-2 victory over the Montreal Manic.

Gordon Alec Hill of England scored the one goal for the Manic, his 16th of the season. The victory snapped a four-game losing streak for the Strikers and moved them into second place in the Southern Division with a 6-21 record and 126 points, five points head of Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Montreal opened the scoring at 11:34 of the first half when Hill, the team's leading scorer, took a pass from Alan Willey and drilled a high shot past Fort Lauderdale goalkeeper Jan Van Beveren of Holland.

Rookie forward Thompson Usivan of Nigeria appeared to give the Manica 2-0 three minutes later, but referee William

Maxwell disallowed the goal because of an offside infraction.

The Strikers tied the match in the 25th minute when Meschbach put Bob Bolitmo's pass beyond Montreal goalkeeper Bob Rigby.

In Jacksonville, Florida, Chris Dangerfield's goal at 73:26 lifted the Los Angeles Aztecs to a 1-0 victory over Jacksonville and dealt a severe blow to the Tea Men's hopes for a playoff berth.

Dangerfield of England scored the game-winner after Dragan Simic of Yugoslavia cleared the ball of the Aztecs zone to Bill Faria at center field. Faria dribbled past Jacksonville defender Jack Carmichael before dishing off a pass to Dangerfield.

Dangerfield dribbled into the penalty area and beat goalkeeper Arnie Mautser with a 15-yard shot from the left side.

**Fiji held goalless**

In Taipei, Taiwan, Fiji and Taiwan battled to a scoreless draw Tuesday night in a World Cup Soccer Oceania region qualifying match at Taipei's Municipal Stadium before an estimated 6,000 spectators.

Taiwan's tight defense thwarted waves of Fiji's fast-moving attacks throughout the 90-minute action. Fiji beat Taiwan 2-1 at another match held in Fiji on June 6. Taiwan will clash with Australia for its final qualifying game on Sept. 6.

New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, Fiji and Taiwan are vying for the right to meet Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and China to determine who will represent the Asian-Oceania region in the 1982 World Cup Soccer finals.



THE BIG TWO: Sebastian Coe (left) pats Steve Ovett during one of the meets. The British stars, who hold world records will be the main attraction at the AAA meet at Crystal Palace Saturday.

## Top stars for AAA meet

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe make their final appearances on British soil this season at the Amateur Athletics Association (AAA) Championships at Crystal Palace this weekend.

It will give the British fans an all too rare glimpse of the Olympic champions in action, with Coe likely to run twice — in the 800 meters heats on Friday and then in Saturday's final. Ovett is booked for just the 1500 meters.

Both men are preparing themselves for the European Cup in Zagreb the following week and Coe's schedule also includes races in Zurich, Brussels as well as the World Cup at Rome in September.

Coe, the Olympic 1500 meters champion and 800 meters and 1000 meters world record holder, has surprisingly never won an AAA title in his glorious career.

Dave Moorcroft, Coventry's 1500 meters Commonwealth champion, steps down to the 800 meters to add an edge to his speed and also in the line-up in Steve Cram, the world's

seventh fastest miler.

Omar, Khalifa, from the Sudan also joins a strong home contingent that includes Olympic finalist Dave Warren and Rob Harrison, Chris McGeorge and Paul Forbes, who all plan to extend Coe.

Ovett task does not look quite so daunting in the 1500 meters although he faces American Craig Masback and Scotland's John Robson. The meeting includes a strong entry of high class Americans.

James King returns to defend his 400m hurdles title while Ken Martin, who won at rain soaked Crystal Palace last Friday, is back to meet young Briton Paul Davies-Hale in the 3000m steeplechase.

Another British star is Paul Davies-Hale in the 3000m steeplechase.

New Zealand's John Walker, the 1976 Olympic 1500m champion, will make his debut in the 5000 meters and takes on the best of Britain's distance men including Mike McLeod, Geoff Smith, Julian Goater, Steve Jones and United Kingdom champion Dave Clarke.

### U.S. PGA crown

## Tom Watson craving to win

ATLANTA, Georgia, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Tom Watson will attempt to put the record books straight when the U.S. PGA Championship starts here Thursday.

The PGA is one of the four Grand Slam titles and 31-year-old Watson has yet to win it, a runner-up spot after losing the play-off to John Mahaffey in 1978 being the closest he has come.

Watson, the world's outstanding golfer over the past five years, admitted he had a thirst to win here, "not for what it means in terms of money, but because it is the PGA."

He will have 149 eager challengers from the U.S. and abroad, however, and top of that list once again comes the golden bear himself, Jack Nicklaus.

Nicklaus, 41, and arguably the greatest golfer of all time, has had, by his own standards, a miserable season, but there again that was true of last year before he woke from hibernation to win both the U.S. Open and the PGA titles.

He has now won the PGA five times (1963, 71, 73, 75, 80) and as he put it, "it's almost impossible to have a good season if you don't

win one of the Grand Slam titles and difficult to have a bad season if you win one."

Two other veterans of the course, 41-year-old Lee Trevino, winner in 1974, and 38-year-old Ray Floyd, winner in 1969 and having his best season in a career dating back 19 years will also be among the favorites.

Top hopes among the younger American players will be recent British Open winner Bill Rogers, Bruce Lietzke, winner of the San Diego and Dallas Opens this year, Tom Kite the winner of the Inverrary Classic, Ben Crenshaw and John Mahaffey.

The foreign challenge will be spearheaded by David Graham, the quiet 35-year-old American-based Australian who took the U.S. Open at Ardmore in June and once again the evergreen Gary Player of South Africa who won the PGA in 1962 and 72.

Spain's Severiano Ballesteros has already proved his flair for the big occasion by winning the British Open in 1979 and the U.S. Masters in 1980, but he has been slightly off the boil this year as he has become embroiled in off-course battles.

## Springboks chalk out impressive victory

WELLINGTON, Aug. 5 (R) — Anti-apartheid demonstrators clashed with police in Auckland Wednesday just 36 hours after Prime Minister Robert Muldoon had talks with protest leaders, police and rugby officials to try to defuse tension over the South African Springboks tour of New Zealand.

One policewoman was admitted to hospital and a number of people suffered minor injuries after 500 marchers rushed police protecting the emises of two companies accused of providing financial aid for the tour, eyewitnesses said.

In Wanganui, 100 people staged a silent vigil outside the rugby ground where the Springboks were playing the local team but the match went ahead uninterrupted. The Springboks won 45-9.

In Wellington 800 people marched to the offices of Air New Zealand, which has been accused of supporting the tour by carrying the tourists, but there were no incidents with marchers obeying marshalls and police.

The eyewitnesses in Auckland said that police repulsed a charge on the main doors of one company, but protesters broke into

another where they smashed bottles and a plate-glass window before being evicted.

The match, which went through without any incidents, saw the Springboks held 9-9 at half time, cut loose after the interval to score a fluent win.

The final score reflected the immediate improvement of the Springboks in the second spell. Center Colin Beck and fly-half Errol Tobias scored two tries each during the final assault when a worn but still-spirited Wanganui found the pace and pressure too much to bear.

In all, the Springboks scored eight tries, five of which were converted, and kicked a penalty to three penalties by Wanganui's Glenn Willacy.

Heavily outweighed at forward, it always seemed likely that Wanganui's feat of holding the Springboks in the first period would take its toll after the break and so it proved.

Prior to the match, Springbok captain, Wynand Claassen said that the controversy surrounding them hardly affected them. "The touring party expected from the staff that it would not be normal," said Claassen, a 30-year-old Durban architect.

"Psychologically we worked it out for ourselves that it would be difficult, so because of that it was very easy for everyone in the side." "I think every player has adapted magnificently," he said.

Claassen said some of his players had been worried at first by what he called one-sided news stories, "but after a while it just became a laugh because it was so stupid."

The South African captain was philosophical over the possible cancellation of the last match of their 16-game tour — the third Test against the All-Blacks. "We expect to be two-up by then," he said.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand Rugby Union and anti-tour groups are considering a proposal to call off the final game against the New Zealand national team and instead hold massive anti-apartheid protests around the country that day.

It was also suggested that demonstrators against South Africa's racial policies tone down their activities for the remaining six weeks of the tour in return for the cancellation of the final game.

Meanwhile, the players of top French rugby league side Perpignan have said they are fully behind the decision of their directors not to play in next season's championship.

## Baseball players vote on accord

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (A) — Major league baseball players Tuesday started the ratification process on the agreement that ended their seven-week strike, with near-unanimous support among the teams reporting ballot results.

Players representatives, who voted unanimously last Saturday to accept the agreement, were explaining to their teams details of the settlement, and then polling the players.

The first team to report its result was the New York Mets, with the new contract winning support from 24 of 25 players. There was no word on which Mets player voted against the agreement.

Player representatives for the Milwaukee Brewers, Kansas City Royals, Baltimore Orioles and Atlanta Braves sent word to their union headquarters Tuesday that the agreement had been accepted unanimously by their teammates.

## BRIEFS

ABERFELDY, Scotland (AFP) — Dave Taylor gave England a great start to the Commonwealth Canoe-Kayak Championships when he won the Men's K1 title here Wednesday. Taylor, who was ninth in last week's World Championships, won in 22 minutes 14 seconds, half a minute ahead of Scotsman Ken Fraser. Australian Tim Doyle was third.

CORWICH, England (AFP) — English First Division club Norwich City are to loan Steve Gokv, a 21-year-old winger, to Dutch side Groningen until December. Last week another Norwich player, Clive Woods, turned down a permanent transfer to the Dutch club.

NEW DELHI, (AP) — The Indian government announced Tuesday it will host an International Tournament Nov. 8-14 in the western city of Pune. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has invited players — men and women — from Britain, Denmark, China, Japan, Indonesia, South Korea, Switzerland and Malaysia to participate in the tournament.



Tom Watson



CLOSE TUSSELE: French yacht "Midnight" leads Britain's "Victory of Barnham" during the second race, off Cowes, of the Admiral's Cup Thursday. The race was ultimately won by "Victory".

## Bill Buchan steals the show

LONG BEACH, California, Aug. 5 (AP) — Bill Buchan of the U.S. won both races Tuesday in the Star Class at the Pre-Olympic Sailing Regatta at Long Beach.

Buchan placed fourth in the race held Monday, giving him a big edge over his competitors. In the sailing class, American Merry J. Chis Law of Great Britain were victorious Tuesday. Law was second to Merry while I. Ahot of Canada was second to law. Winners of Tuesday's races in the Finn class were Tim Law of Great Britain and Esko

Rechart of Finland. Second were American Russ Silvestri and Leith Armit of New Zealand.

In the Flying Dutchman class, John Lovelady of Great Britain was victorious in both of Tuesday races. Eric Volebrecht of Holland was second in both races.

Randy Smyth of the U.S. won both in the Tornado class races. Goran Marstrom of Sweden was second in the first race and Brian Peet of New Zealand was second in the second race.

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# British reserves fall by \$1 billion in July

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Britain suffered a big loss in its monetary reserves in July, as they were down by \$1.06 billion to reach a total of \$24.5 billion, the treasury has announced.

June had already shown a sizeable loss of \$856 million. These huge capital outflows are due, in part, to repayments of capital funds and in part to the attraction of U.S. interest rates, which have been higher than European rates for some time.

More than half of the reserve loss for July is imputable to exceptional operations, such as the repayment of \$706 million in debts (much of it as early redemption) and the quarterly revolving of European Monetary Units that are part of these reserves (which increased their value by \$61 million).

But even without these operations, the reserves would have dropped by \$418 million last month, the highest monthly loss (adjusting for fluctuations — and is not trying to "oppose market forces." But it is clear that in July, for the second straight month, its inter-

ventions were on a large scale. Still, they did not prevent a new substantial drop in sterling, which was at \$1.9305 at the end of June and 1.8415 at the end of July.

With new drops Monday and Tuesday, bringing the pound down to around \$1.80 the pound has now lost about 25 percent of its value against the dollar from its peak value of last year — and business circles are more worried about this depreciation than about the loss of reserves. After all, the Bank of England still has substantial assets.

As the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), in particular, emphasizes, depreciation of sterling dangerously strengthens inflationary pressures because the majority of raw materials imports (and North Sea oil) are billed in dollars.

But that depreciation does not much help exports, since British exports go to a great extent to other European countries. While the pound has plunged against the dollar, it has not varied much against other currencies from its high levels of last year.

The situation worries the government, which has made reduction of inflation its priority goal. A rise of interest rates has been considered, but that would risk worsening what is already a bad recession, while the rise in unemployment to the last few months is causing rising concern in the Conservative Party.

# U.S. car sales touch nadir

DETROIT, Michigan, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Sales by the five major U.S. car manufacturers in July reached their lowest point in the last 20 years, results published by Detroit companies indicated.

Sales of General Motors, Ford, Chrysler, American Motors, and Volkswagen, U.S., were down 8.3 percent compared to the already dismal showing during July 1979. Sales reached 497,151 units, compared to 542,349.

In July, import sales also fell by 9.2 percent, to 207,000 units, but they represented 29.4 percent of the total market — the same percentage as a year earlier when foreign cars attained a record share of the market.

General Motors sales were down 12.5 percent, Ford five percent, Volkswagen 33 percent. But financially troubled Chrysler was up 21 percent and AMC 21.5 percent.

For the first seven months of the year, sales of the five main manufacturers were down

3.4 percent, falling to 3,800,000 units, compared to 3,940,000 a year ago. For the year, GM sales were down 5.5 percent, Ford 3.5 percent, AMC 1.2 percent, and Volkswagen 16 percent. But Chrysler sales rose 22 percent in the same period.

Meanwhile, Chrysler has announced it will offer cash rebates of \$300 to \$800 on some of its cars and lorries in an effort to boost sales.

Chrysler said the rebates, unlike existing sales incentives, would be made directly to consumers. The company currently offers discounts to its dealers who in turn are supposed to pass some of the price cuts on to consumers. Earlier this year, Chrysler also offered a discount on financing.

Chrysler said the rebate program, available until Aug. 31, called for cash refunds of \$300 on its imported cars and lorries and a \$500 rebate on the company's Aries and Reliant K-car models. The company is offering a \$1,000 rebate on its mid-size Chrysler Imperial. Last week, industry leader General Motors Corporation announced a reduced financing rate to spur sales and second-ranked Ford motor company unveiled a dealer sales incentive plan.

# Libya calls oil firms for parley

ROME, Aug. 5 (R) — Libya has summoned executives of major oil companies to talks in Tripoli Wednesday and Thursday in an effort to boost its flagging crude sales, Rome oil industry sources said.

The oil companies which operate in Libya had been asked to see senior government officials Wednesday and representatives of companies that buy Libyan oil but do not help produce it were expected to attend a similar session Thursday.

Libya's sales have fallen this summer after it held out, despite a world glut, against buyer demands that it cut its price by up to five dollars a barrel.

The Libyans cut about one dollar, to charge between \$39 and \$40 a barrel, compared with \$35 asked by Britain for similar-quality crude. The British reduced prices by \$4.25 this summer. Buyers have also cut purchase from Nigeria and Algeria, two other African members of OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) which also charge up to \$40. Nigeria is seeking an emergency OPEC meeting this month while the three countries are holding regular consultations.

OPEC's secretariat has said it is consulting among the 13 members on whether a meeting should be held. Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter and OPEC's leading price moderate, has given no public hint of its position.

# U.S. scraps aid to alien projects

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The Reagan administration announced Tuesday it has canceled \$28 million in foreign aid projects in six countries.

Agency for International Development (AID) administrator M. Peter McPherson said the projects were stopped in the interest of efficiency and better management.

Among them were: Syria — \$10.5 million to buy U.S. equipment for an irrigation project. Bangladesh \$100,000 for a national women's development academy. Liberia: \$2.5 million for a technical training program. Portugal: \$400,000 for consulting services and \$1.1 million for sewage treatment plants. Thailand: \$500,000 for a "sericulture project." Upper Volta: \$1.1 million for soil conservation.

# Thailand to hold global trade fair

BANGKOK, Aug. 5 (AP) — The government has approved plans to hold an international trade fair on April next year to coincide with celebration marking Bangkok's bicentenary, a spokesman for the centenary committee said Wednesday.

Spokesman Kriangsak Lohachala said about 2,080 industrial concerns, both in Thailand and overseas, already shown interest in the fair.

He said the publisher of a local golf magazine, Hole in One Company, had been assigned by the government and Bangkok administration to organize the fair. The spokesman said facilities service and entertainments will be provided for the visitors, especially foreigners.

# Japan poised to unleash video disc players

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (R) — Following their success with video tape recorders, the big names in Japan's electronics industry are planning a concerted drive on world markets to unleash even more sophisticated home entertainment devices.

They are video disc players, combining the performance of video tape recorders (VTRs) and record players to produce images and sound through record-like disc. Industry sources said the machines, which can reproduce television and movie films and all forms of visual information with high quality sound, are expected to create an enormous worldwide demand, particularly in the United States and West Europe.

Most Japanese companies, using both foreign and domestic technology, are following traditional patterns of banding together to produce video disc players. They are divided roughly into three groups according to different methods adopted to pick up audio and visual data from the discs.

The biggest group of 12 firms, led by Matsushita Electric Industrial company and its subsidiary, Victor Company of Japan, announced recently that it would market video disc systems in Japan from October.

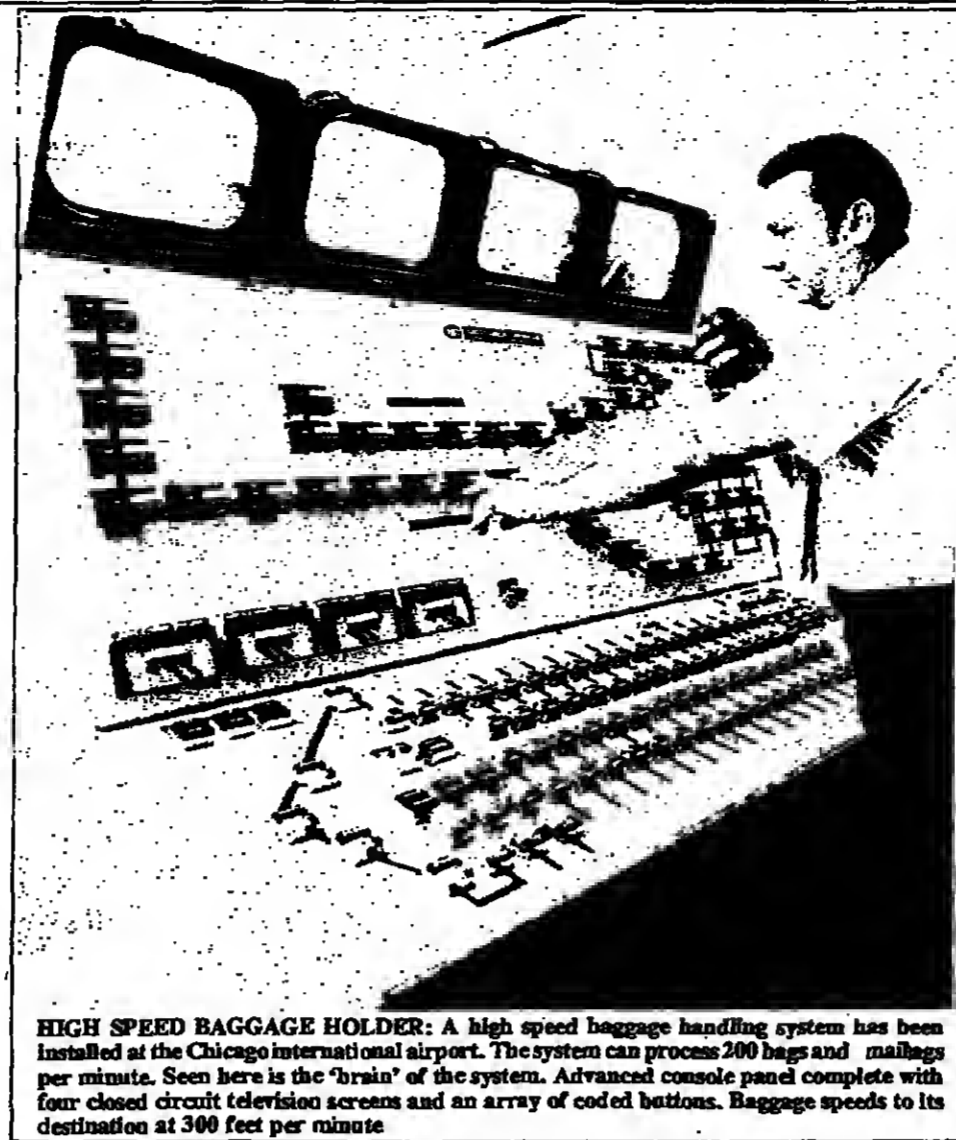
# U.S. panel defends tobacco import

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The U.S. International Trade Commission ruled Tuesday that rising tobacco imports have not harmed American producers enough to warrant quotas or extra fees for the foreign exporters.

The ruling concluded an investigation ordered by former President Jimmy Carter just before he left office. North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt told the ITC in June that "in the past few years, our tobacco farmers have become worried about the rising tide of imported leaf."

Hunt had testified foreign imports amounted to about 18 percent of the tobacco used in U.S. production of cigarettes in 1969, but had risen to 31 percent by 1979.

But Tuesday's ITC ruling said foreign



HIGH SPEED BAGGAGE HOLDER: A high speed baggage handling system has been installed at the Chicago international airport. The system can process 200 bags and mailbags per minute. Seen here is the "brain" of the system. Advanced console panel complete with four closed circuit television screens and an array of coded buttons. Baggage speeds to its destination at 300 feet per minute.

# Mobil bid fails Du Pont heads Conoco race

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (AP) — The multi-billion dollar bidding war for Conoco Inc. apparently ended Tuesday with a victory for Du Pont Co. in the battle for control of the nation's ninth-largest oil company, Mobil Corp., the chief competitor for Conoco failed in its effort to get a federal judge to block Du Pont's offer, and at midnight Du Pont became able to buy the Conoco shares offered to it.

In hectic action Tuesday, Du Pont raised its bid to \$7.4 billion from \$7.3 billion and Mobil, which had boosted its offer the previous day from \$8.2 billion to \$8.6 billion followed with increase to \$8.8 billion.

Mobil's bid faced antitrust problems that could prevent it from buying any shares, and Conoco shareholders evidently decided to take the sure Du Pont offer rather than take their chances with Mobil.

# Japan poised to unleash video disc players

The group, which also includes Sharp, Toshiba and the Mitsubishi Corporation, uses the visual-audio high density (VHO) pickup system developed by Victor to retrieve data stored on a flat disc with a stylus guided by an automated arm.

The other systems are a laser beam optical pickup method developed by Philips of the Netherlands and the capacitance electronic disc (CED) method pioneered by America's RCA.

Against the major trend in Japan to adopt the VHO method, Pioneer Electric Corporation has chosen the Philips system, believing it is best in terms of image and sound reproduction because it does not need mechanical and physical contact between a disc and the pickup.

Ahead of other major firms, Pioneer in June last year started to export about 3,000 video disc players to the United States. The volume of discs has been raised to 30,000 monthly. In the United States, Philips Consumer Electronics Company, a subsidiary of North American Philips, has been marketing optical pickup video disc system players since 1978.

RCA in March this year also started selling

its own system designed to retrieve information with a stylus guided through a groove on a disc. Taking advantage of the RCA move, Hitachi of Japan began selling its RCA-type systems in the United States in June with an initial sales target of 10,000 a month. To exploit the emerging market in the United States, Matsushita and Victor have established three firms there jointly with General Electric Company and Thorn-Emi of Britain.

Matsushita said these firms were preparing to start disc and player production and sales in January. The Japanese company said its player using the RCA system would cost about \$500, while the Pioneer system would be priced at \$750 overseas and \$870 here.

There have been no clear indications on which pickup system will dominate world markets, leaving several Japanese firms undecided on their choice for advancing overseas, the industry sources said.

The undecided firms include Sony Corporation, which has been studying all three methods. The sources said some other companies were expected to enter the U.S. market first with CED players before marketing other systems in Europe and Japan.

Sony Electric Company said it was aiming for the Christmas season to start sales in the United States before marketing optical disc players in Europe. For the domestic market, it will use the VHD system.

Japanese firms using the VHD system will rely on Victor, at least for a time, for video discs. Victor has said it will prepare about 20,000 discs by October for domestic sales.

To make the discs, Victor has secured copyrights to 18 movie films from ABC Video Enterprise of the United States, while Pioneer has obtained rights from Twentieth Century Fox for 150 films. Pioneer said it would raise disc production to between 200,000 and 300,000 a month by the end of this year, with an estimated sales price of \$26 each.

# Two U.S. dailies facing closure

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — A group of local business leaders and unions announced Tuesday it has ceased trying to find a buyer for the *Washington Star*, which is slated to close Friday due to heavy financial losses.

"It does not appear that any worthwhile purpose would be served by going forward in the way that we have been doing," said R. Robert Linowes, the former Washington Board of Trade president who led the effort to find new buyers for the 128-year-old daily newspaper.

Time Inc. announced July 23 that it would close the *Star* unless a buyer could be found. Time said the newspaper has been losing \$20 million a year.

Meanwhile, another major U.S. daily newspaper, the *Philadelphia Bulletin*, announced Tuesday it will close down due to several million dollars in losses.

*Bulletin* Chairman M.M. Hayden told the newspaper's 1,901 employees Tuesday night that unless the unions agree to salary cuts and job layoffs to save \$6.3 million this year, the presses will stop Aug. 16.

# Riyal deposit rates firm

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Aug. 5 — Wednesday saw local riyal rates firm higher, taking the one-month riyals to level of 18 1/2 — 19 1/2 percent at one stage. Spot riyal continued to be quoted wide at 3.41 20-80 in some instances, with banks not wishing to lose valuable dollars for the time being and until Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) can start selling dollars from next week.

On the European exchanges, the American currency was still remarkably strong against most other currencies despite some fairly determined and concerted European Central Bank interventions to halt its rise. It was reported that between them alone, the German Bundesbank and the Bank of France sold some \$230 million in the hope of stemming the dollar tide. By close of business in New York on Tuesday night, the dollar was still as strong as ever and there must have been some angry mutterings in Europe to the effect that the intervention moves were ill-timed and ineffective. Gold prices continued to be quoted below \$400 level — at \$390 per ounce in London closing Tuesday and \$391.20 in New York. Bullion dealers are expecting further falls to possibly \$350 at the lowest if the American currency continues its recent climb.

The pound sterling continued to remain weak against the dollar, closing in New York at 1.8005 levels and being quoted at 1.8095 Wednesday afternoon on London markets. It was revealed Tuesday that Britain's bullion and foreign currency reserves fell during last month due to the Bank of England's intervention support moves for the sterling. As for the German mark, that currency too remained weak despite the above mentioned Bundesbank support.

The mark closed at 2.5200 in New York Tuesday night and opened at 2.5080 levels after some profit taking by institutions in Frankfurt Wednesday. The French franc closed at lowest levels yet seen to 6.02 in New York Tuesday, but after some profit-taking the French currency was quoted at

5.9780 levels Wednesday. The yen came under heavy selling pressure in New York to close at 245.00, but importer's buying of yen at such a favorable exchange rate brought the dollar down to 240.81 levels. The Swiss franc continued to be tied to the mark's fortunes, and it too remained weak at 2.1920 — 2.20 levels.

Locally, the main focus of interest was the firming of riyal deposit rates. Dealers saw opening levels change rapidly by as much as 1/2 to 3/4 percent in most tenors, taking the one-month JIBOR rates to 18 1/2 — 19 1/4 percent. This is a jump of nearly 1/2 percent over Tuesday rates. Long-term deposit rates were also affected and the one-year is now averaging at 16 1/4 — 16 1/2 percent, a 1.5 percent rise over the past few days. Most trading was carried out in the short tenors and week fixed rates came at 19 1/4 percent. Local expectations are for riyal deposit rates to continue remaining high for the next few weeks until local disbursement payments make their impact on the monetary system now that the Ramadan and Eid holidays are over. Others, however, are more pessimistic and argue that riyal rates will remain relatively high for some time yet, as long as dollar interest rates are not seen to have peaked.

On the exchange markets, Wednesday saw yet again another nervous and confusing day for most local traders with some banks quoting exchange rates, but others not showing interest due to the fact that they cannot buy dollars from SAMA until after Aug. 8. Spot riyal/dollar quotes ranged from 3.41 20 — 35 to 3.41 30-80 at the other extreme. Even at such tempting rates, little business was undertaken according to a Bahraini-based money broker.

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	392.00
Paris	457.59
Frankfurt	392.60
Zurich	392.50
Hong Kong	394.99

# U.K. railmen threaten strike

LONDON, Aug. 5 (R) — Leaders of Britain's two main rail unions have called an indefinite pay strike from Aug. 30 and predicted it would close the country's rail system.

The executives of the National Union of Railwaymen (NUR) and the Train Drivers' Union, the Associated Society of Locomotive engineers and Firemen (ASLEF), voted to strike after talks with the British rail management over an 11 percent pay award broke down.

Train drivers' leader Ray Buckton said his union would consult other unions about the possibility of bringing London's underground workers out on strike as well.

NUR General Secretary Sidney Weighell said the strike would affect half of Britain's 55 million population. The NUR is the largest of the two unions with 170,000 members. A

NUR spokesman said: "The strike will close the railways completely."

However, the 60,000-member Transport and Salaried Staffs' Association, whose members are largely white collar British rail employees, voted not to strike. "I think it much better if we try to negotiate ourselves out of trouble," said General Secretary Tom Jenkins.

The company offered an 11 percent pay increase, but it tied the offer to work rules designed to increase productivity. Union negotiators rejected the package, seeking instead an eight percent pay raise without the new work rules.

The strike would affect British rail's ferries across the English Channel in addition to the national railroad grid and British transport hotels, owned by the company

# Grain talks exploratory, U.S. says

VIENNA, Aug. 5 (R) — Three days of exploratory talks on a U.S.-Soviet grain sales pact ended Wednesday, but the American side said a new accord was unlikely to emerge from the session.

The U.S. delegation headed by special trade representative William Brock meets the Soviet team led by Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Boris Gordeyev at the Soviet trade mission for the final round.

Brock said, Tuesday he did not expect the current talks to produce an agreement to replace the five-year pact expiring Sept. 30. "I think it is going to be difficult to reach an agreement in this first session," he told reporters, adding that the purpose of the talks was to explore the possibility of a new accord.

He declined to say if the discussions were concentrating on a new five-year pact or a one-year extension of the current agreement, but he did add that either solution was acceptable. "We are flexible in what we're talking about," he said, "we know their position, we respect their position, and they know our position."

Former President Carter imposed a partial embargo on sales in January, 1980, following

the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, allowing an agreed eight million tons to be exported, but blocking orders for an extra 17 million tons.

Moscow has diversified its grain supplies since then, signing long-term agreements with Canada, Argentina, Brazil and Australia. But U.S. officials believe the Soviet Union, which will need to import 36 to 38 million tons of grain this year because on a crop-withering heatwave, will have to buy large quantities of American grain. "There just isn't enough grain elsewhere in the world for them to make up for bad harvest that's expected," one U.S. official in Vienna said. "They have to come to us."

The current heatwave in the Soviet union, which has baked grain-growing areas with temperatures up to 40 degrees centigrade (104 fahrenheit) for two months, shows no sign of letting up during August, weather experts said in Moscow.

Western agricultural specialists there said this added a new element of uncertainty to the 1981 harvest, which was beginning to show similarities with the disastrous 1968 million ton harvest of the drought-stricken 1972 season.

# Drug-running hits Florida village

STEINHATCHEE, Florida, Aug. 5 (AP) — Residents of this village on the Gulf of Mexico are reportedly bolstering the local economy with a new industry: they're giving up commercial fishing to smuggle marijuana, law enforcement officials say.

"If drug-smuggling stopped in Steinhatchee right now, there would be people who would lose their houses, their automobiles," said Haroldolay, a state marine patrol narcotics officer. "If they had to go back to fishing, the younger kids wouldn't know what to do."

"Smuggling has taken the place of fishing. It's their livelihood and they'll fight for it, just like their fathers and grandfathers would fight to fish."

The Tallahassee Democrat reported Monday that this Taylor county town of about 900 is a popular unloading point for ships that ferry marijuana to northern Florida from South America.

Officials say a person who spends one night unloading bales of marijuana can take home \$10,000. In June, a Taylor county sheriff's deputy and six other Steinhatchee residents were arrested on federal drug-smuggling charges.

Officials say the village is rife with drug-runners. As a result, they say, local folk live in fear and cope with what one lawman describes as "screaming and automatic weapons going off in the night."

Yet officials say they get little help from Steinhatchee citizens. "I think smugglers are in the minority in Steinhatchee," says Mickey Watson, a supervisor for the Florida department of law enforcement. "But they have installed fear into the majority of good people who live here. They don't talk."

But some residents say the town's reputation as a smugglers' haven is overdrawn.

Restauranteur Elizabeth Cooley says it's "a good place to live." The Rev. K.A. Whaley, pastor of Steinhatchee's first Baptist Church, says the drug trade is a result of "the geographical location and not the caliber of people we have here." Lawmen know only that they are outnumbered. There's so few of us and so many more of them," says Watson. "The law of averages is in their favor."

# Seamen's talks set in Hong Kong

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Leading trade unionists and shipowners' representatives are to meet in Hong Kong Oct. 14 to discuss the controversial campaign by the International Transport Workers Federation (I.T.F.) to improve seamen's pay and working conditions throughout the world, it was announced here.

The campaign which involves union backing of vessels whose owners cannot or refuse to comply with the federation's norms, is meeting opposition not only from shipowners who claim they cannot afford the I.T.F.'s demands, but also from some national union bodies who fear that it will increase unemployment among their members.

The conference is to be organized by the Lloyds Press Group, part of the Lloyds Shipping Service, to promote a "cool and knowledgeable discussion of all sides of this problem to the benefit of the international shipping community." Its theme will be "is I.T.F. right?" Lloyds point out that it will be the first time that the I.T.F. publicly discuss the problem.

## BRIEFS

SEATTLE, (AFP) — Boeing has publicly presented its first 767, a two-engine carrier designed as a competitor to the West European Airbus. Exhibited before 15,000 persons Tuesday, the 767 will begin its test flights in September, and the first deliveries are set for August 1982. It is the first new Boeing airliner since work on the 747 Jumbo jet was begun in 1966.

LONDON, (AFP) — In response to the world oil surplus, Syria has reduced its crude oil price by \$1.70 a barrel, effective Aug. 1, sources in London oil circles said. This brings the price down to \$21.30 a barrel.

GENOA, (AFP) — Italianpianiti, the industrial equipment subsidiary of the Italian steel group Finsider, has just concluded a contract for the marketing of its blast furnaces by the South Korean steel firm Hyundai.

This contract calls for the marketing of blast furnaces in South Korea, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

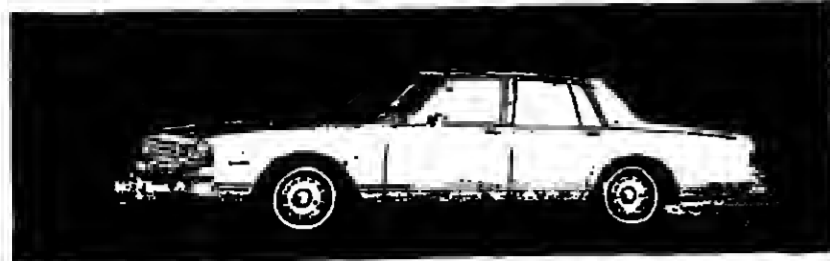
CHARLESTON, (AP) — A merchant ship of Indian registry caught fire about 8

miles (12.8 km) off the coast of Savannah, Georgia, Tuesday afternoon, according to the U.S. coast guard. *Ebnul-Kalim-Azad*, an 836-foot (250-meter) ship with 70 people aboard including two women and a child, reported a fire in its pump room about 6 p.m. The Charleston Coast Guard base dispatched four units to the ship.

LONDON, (AFP) — More and more shipowners are scrapping their aging uneconomical super-tankers, and the old ships are bringing only slightly more than half the prices of several months ago, Lloyd's List said. The Lloyd's insurance house publication said that 220,000-toners, built around 1970, were being sold for about \$3.6 million instead of the \$7 million offered a few months ago.

LONDON, (AFP) — The British Trade Union Congress (TUC) has expressed its "deep concern" over the imprisonment in Czechoslovakia of Rudolf Battik, one of the signers of Charter 77 human rights manifesto.

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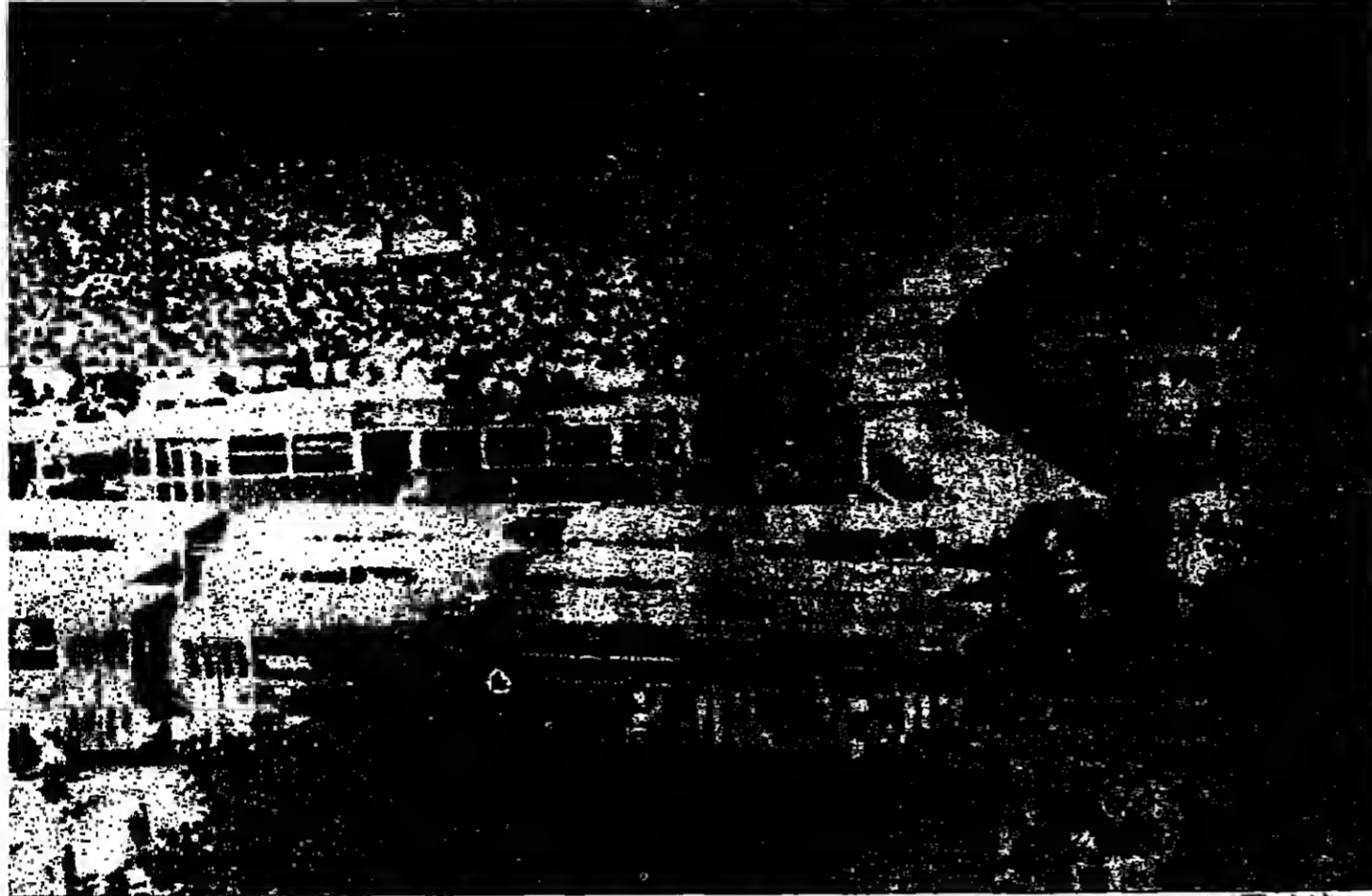
# Solidarity halts Warsaw over food crisis

## France rushing supplies

WARSAW, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — The Solidarity free trade union shut down all but essential services during a two-hour general strike in Warsaw Wednesday in protest over government inaction and food shortages, and as sirens blared to signal the end of the strike, the union lifted its blockade of the city center.

Meanwhile, reports reached here that top French officials were arranging for the immediate supply of food to famine-threatened Poland by air, sea and land. The emergency aid, comprising 300,000 tons of wheat, 7,000 tons of beef and 15,000 tons of sugar, together with fruit and medicines, is to be given "without political conditions" and with 100 percent credit.

The food operation was announced Wednesday by France's Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy and presidential secretary Gen. Pierre Bergogoy after a cabinet meeting, in Paris. It followed a move Thursday by Poland's Ambassador Eugeniusz Kulaga reminding the French government that 400,000 tons of wheat, promised by France on March 30 during a visit here by Poland's Vice-Premier Mieczyslaw Jagielski, have not yet been supplied. Jagielski has since lost office.



WARSAW BLOCKADE: A general view of the Marszalkowska and Jerolimowska Avenues crossing in Warsaw blocked by buses, trucks and trams for three days before the blockade was lifted Wednesday.

# Three-man junta to govern Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug. 5 (Agencies) — Gen. Luis Garcia Meza, bowing to the demands of army rebels in eastern Bolivia, has resigned as president and asked the three-man military junta to govern the country.

In a brief speech from the presidential palace carried by the state-controlled radio network Tuesday night, the right-wing former army commander said, "above any reasons of pride and vanity comes the fatherland. For this reason I have decided to turn power over to the junta of commanders."

"I leave the presidency, but everyone should know I will remain alert to the possibility that this process we have begun may be sidetracked," he added — referring to his administration, which he had called a government of "national reconstruction."

# Garcia Meza bows out

The three armed forces commanders flew out of La Paz Tuesday night without saying where they were going. But military sources said they were probably heading for Santa Cruz, 500 kms southeast of here. Garcia Meza, who declared in his farewell speech that Bolivia was in danger of grave collapse and in dire need of a strong leader, also went to the airport after handing over power to the junta. Airport sources said his destination was not immediately known.

It was the fifth attempted coup since May against Garcia Meza, who overthrew the civilian government of President Lidia Gueller in July 1980. He had said months ago that he would resign on Aug. 6 and have the junta name a successor, but then reversed his position last month and said he would stay in office.

# Dawda offers amnesty

Earlier, Sir Dawda offered the rebels the chance of an amnesty if they released the hostages. "If there is any bloodshed, it will be yours. That is why I am ordering you to give yourselves up instantly and release the hostages, most of whom are women and children," he said. "That is the only course that might win you my pardon."

As "mopping-up" operations continued in Banjul, the Gambian authorities Wednesday said they had underestimated the organization of the rebellion, which was led by a 12-member supreme revolutionary council headed by Kukil Samba Sanyang. They had unearthed a vast conspiracy which involved not only small clandestine opposition movements but also figures in the legal opposition and of the same political class as Gambia's rulers, they said.

# Senegal troops launch operation in rebel area

BANJUL, Aug. 5 (AFP) — The Senegalese expeditionary force Wednesday launched an operation aimed at restoring government control of the Banjul suburbs of Bakau and Fajara where rebels who attempted a coup d'etat in Gambia were still holding out, President Sir Dawda Jawara said here Wednesday.

The rebels, who launched the attempted coup last Thursday from a military base at Bakau, are holding hostages, including children and one of Sir Dawda's two wives. The president, who called in the forces from Gambia's neighbor state to crush the coup after the rebels struck while he was in Britain for Prince Charles's wedding, said the Senegalese troops were going to try to take the suburbs without any armed clash.

They were going to use a specially trained commando, an informed source said. Three British experts in camouflaged approach were also on the scene, where loudspeakers have been set up for negotiations with the rebels.

# Belfast youths attack police patrols

BELFAST, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Sporadic clashes broke out in some Catholic quarters here, where the eighth Republican prisoner to die of hunger strike, Kieran Doherty, was buried.

Youths attacked police patrols Tuesday night with firebombs and stones in the New Lodge and Andersonstown district of north and west Belfast. The police fired back with plastic bullets. A man was taken to hospital with a head wound caused by a bottle, police said.

In Londonderry, shots were fired at a police foot patrol, which returned the fire. No casualties were reported. In Andersonstown the police detained an unspecified number of people in a sweep after Irish Republican Army (IRA) men fired a salvo at the start of Doherty's funeral.

A spokesman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary said that police and British soldiers mounted a "comprehensive security operation", searching houses, people and vehicles. They seized some articles of clothing.

Meanwhile, an international panel said Wednesday that the plastic bullet used by the British Army to disperse rioters in Northern Ireland is a lethal weapon that should be banned.

The recommendation was made after a two-day inquiry in Belfast by two American, two Frenchmen and a Briton from the Association for Legal Justice. The five-man committee inquiring into deaths and injuries

# Thatcher tests a racing car

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AFP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher drove a racing car Wednesday and described the experience as "absolutely smashing."

Mrs. Thatcher, whose political tenacity has earned her the nickname "Iron Lady", was visiting an airfield in northern England where British-made Lotus cars were on show.

"I would just like to see what it feels like. Is there any petrol in it?" Mrs. Thatcher said before cautiously setting off in the car of her racing driver son, Mark.

"It's lovely to drive," Mrs. Thatcher pronounced at the end of her first try at the wheel of a racing car.

# Lehman lists navy as key to survival

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP) — The navy and marine corps are the key to U.S. survival against Soviet threats anywhere in the world during the decade, Navy Secretary John Lehman says.

"The survival of America could well depend on the capability resident in the marine air-ground task forces and the navy team that takes them to the distant quarters of the earth where America's interests lie," Lehman said. The navy secretary contended that "the kind of ground force presence which we have in Europe and Korea will not work" in the Gulf-Southwest Asia area, Africa or the Caribbean.

"The U.S. simply does not have sizable forces in place, nor supplies prepositioned," he said. "Neither does it provide the host-nation support agreements, nor the bidding alliances that we have in Europe and elsewhere."

Thus, he argued that the problems of "access and distance compel the United States to rely principally on sea power, supplemented by amphibious assault," Lehman, who early in the administration of President Reagan claimed a new maritime strategy for confronting the Soviet Union, pushed the idea of a pre-eminent navy-marine corps during a speech Tuesday in Seattle.

His speech came at a time when defense officials are about to begin pruning requests for major increases in spending in fiscal 1983 and the following years beyond that. Encouraged by the Reagan administration's demonstrated willingness to build up the navy, it had recommended a huge expansion program. The navy program calls for building 143 new ships in the next five years. The objective is to build up the U.S. fleet to 600 ships.

Included in the navy plan are two additional nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, each of which is estimated to cost about \$3.7 billion. Also on the navy shopping list are 17 cruisers with sophisticated Aegis missile defense weapons system, 140 submarines, six destroyers with guided-missile frigates and nine amphibious ships.

Since the ambitious navy shipbuilding plan looms as one of the most costly elements of the defense spending, it is considered a possible target for cutbacks and reach-outs if the Reagan administration finds late this year that its economic growth expectations are unrealistic.

# Good Morning

By Jhaid Al Khasan

An expression common to the Arabs of the North is *Bag Al habes*, or spitting out of the pebble. It is used when one suddenly turns and says something he has been struggling against saying for a time. Its origin, I'm told, may be traced to a certain chap well known for outbursts of swearing and cursing at the merest provocation — to the extent that friends and neighbors got together and issued him a solemn warning to desist.

He said he would try but he'd be sure to fail. So the wise considered the matter and came with a solution. That he should place a pebble in his mouth all day — so that everytime he's about to start spouting in the usual way the pebble would move in his mouth and he'd remember and stop himself in time.

But one day something awful happened in the neighborhood. (The actual detail is lost to history, but it could have been something of the order of a new "window tax" or a "moustache levy" as was the case in the bad old days.) Everyone stood around swearing and cursing. But they felt their efforts were far from satisfying. Something was missing. They looked around and saw our old friend standing there cool as cucumber chewing on his pebble. Where upon they all screamed at him: "Now is the right time, you fool! Spit the pebble!"

Which puts me in mind of a little incident (how did you guess?). A few years back (well, not so very) when I had my first job, it was with a foreign news agency. We were young men from all parts of the Arab world, and among us was one like our friend from the days of old. And, like the friends and neighbors of that man, we got together and advised him to put a pebble in his mouth (metaphorically of course — these being enlightened days), which he did.

But the job was hard and causes for aggravation there were in plenty, and the poor fellow was suffering visibly. One particularly hard day — the boss was moody and kept changing his mind about this and that story, the headlines kept coming out wrong, the wires went on the blink and the deadline got nearer — he "spat the pebble," but in the strangest way.

"Ny cursa," he thundered, "on that first pigeon!" We sat up in surprise. "Oh how I'd shoot down, then pluck and tear at that \*\*\*\* bird!" We thought we'd overcome it with him; that he'd flipped at last. The boss came over, all concerned. "Do swear he'd make feel better, old fellow. But please don't start raving about pigeons!" We all gathered while ranted about the bird and what he'd do to it.

Finally, a budding psychoanalyst among us told us to stand aside while he tries to solve the mystery of the bird — what depth of the unconscious it burst out from, and how it can be exorcised. He talked to him but was soon disappointed. No unconscious working here, simply that the sleep couldn't sweat at the agency or journalism, so instead he vented his annoyance at what, in his view, was the origin of it all, the carrier pigeon!

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

# From page one

members as government workers sign an oath not to strike. In return, they virtually have life-time jobs, with good pay and working conditions and a retirement plan ranking among the best offered by any industry. There have been scattered strikes against the government in the past — by air traffic controllers and by postal workers — but they have been wildcat strikes not authorized by the unions.

In 1970, about 1,500 air controllers staged a "sick-out" not backed by Patco in support of fired colleagues. The government won a court injunction requiring the controllers to produce medical certificates to support claims of illness, or face discharge. They returned to work.

In 1978, Patco was fined \$100,000 after a court ordered controllers taking industrial action back to work. Patco had not authorized the action but apparently condoned it. There have also been several unauthorized strikes by postal workers.

# Mitterrand apprised on disarmament talks

PARIS, Aug. 5 (AFP) — Former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, chairman of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues (ICDSI), Wednesday met French President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace to brief him on the commission's latest discussions.

Palme said they did not discuss the French underground nuclear test, reported Tuesday, at the Mururoa site in French Polynesia, the first since Mitterrand became president.

The former Social Democratic prime minister, an influential member of the Socialist International, said he had concentrated mainly on disarmament in the 45-minute meeting, briefing Mitterrand on recent talks with former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, also a member of the ICDSI, and his meeting in Moscow a month ago with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

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